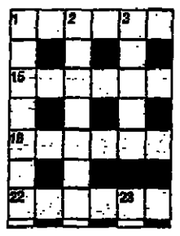
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Hume mission to Rome

Vatican visit puts pressure on Carey

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

■ With the Church of England spending Easter embroiled in dispute over women's ordination, the Archbishop of Canterbury's leadership is under question

CARDINAL Basil Hume is to fly to the Vatican next week for guidance on how the Roman Catholic church might welcome the hundreds of Anglican clergy threatening to defect over the ordination of women.

At the same time, the Archbishop of Canterbury is preparing to meet the Church of England's most senior opponent of women priests in an attempt to resolve a crisis that could split his church in two.

Cardinal Hume, who as Archbishop of Westminster is the spiritual head of Britain's two million Roman Catholics, is expected to take the opportunity of a administrative meeting in Rome to obtain advice before Catholic bishops meet to consider how to respond to Anglican approaches.

Although the Vatican has distanced itself from the negotiations, its statement earlier this week indicated an open door to rebel Anglican clergy. It is inconceivable that the bishops could offer the rebels a workable proposal without prior Vatican guidance.

Dr George Carey will meanwhile try to combat an unprecedented attack on his stewardship of the Church of England by seeking an accommodation with Dr David Hope, the Bishop of London, at a meeting after Easter. Dr Hope, who is third in the Anglican hierarchy, leads the diocese with where opposition to women priests is strongest — even though it has the most women deacons — and he is under pressure to declare London a "no-go area" for women priests. One option would be to place the care of all opponents under one of his four area bishops — two of whom are against the ordination of women — but he is unlikely to proceed without Dr Carey's blessing.

The Rev Rob Marshall, spokesman for Dr Hope, said: "Relations are cordial between the two, although they come from different theological viewpoints. Dr Hope has arranged a meeting with the Archbishop to try to sort things out."

Church leaders are increasingly concerned, however, that Dr Carey is incapable of providing the leadership needed to see his church through in one piece. Many of his critics hold him directly responsible for the feared schism and one said: "I just cannot see how he can turn the situation round."

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Eric Kemp, said the general perception was that Dr Carey was doing much less than the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, to resolve the problem. Dr Kemp, who opposes women priests, said: "Statements have been made about the right of opponents to have a proper place and to be appointed to senior jobs. The opponents are waiting to see how this is going to be carried out."

Any solution proposed by Anglican bishops at their meeting in June would depend almost entirely on the church leadership, he said. But he accused Dr Carey of being unrealistic, and cited his Easter message, to be broadcast on Channel 4 tonight, in which the Archbishop says that those planning to leave the church over women priests should put church unity above personal interests for the sake of the Christian faith in Britain.

In the light of such comments, Anglican churchmen are losing hope that the scheme for episcopal visitors drawn up by the general synod's house of bishops last year to persuade opponents of women priests to stay in the church is practical without more concessions and legislation to back it up. One source said: "It's just like the poll tax and the Conservative party. Wherever you look in the church there is a crisis. These things should have been anticipated before the vote last November."

Desperate to hold the church together and stave off defections to Rome, nine bishops who oppose women priests have taken matters into their own hands and are working on a formula to divide the provinces of Canterbury and York into ten regions. Each region would have at least one bishop opposed to women priests who would have pastoral care for parishes and priests unable to accept the legislation.

Although this would create a "church within a church", dividing the Church of England into its inherently protestant and catholic parts, it could avoid many of the threatened defections. It would effectively devolve leadership from Canterbury, giving diocesan bishops a greater say in church affairs.

Although the regional proposal is not new in itself, this is the first time it has been discussed in the context of women priests. The idea will be debated at the bishops' meeting in June.

The signal from the Vatican earlier this week that rebel Anglican clergy might be welcomed into the Roman Catholic church has already opened the door to defections. Dr Sheridan Gilley, chair of the theology department at Durham University, will today be recieved into the Catholic church. Ann Widdicombe, the social security minister, will be received later this month.

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MICHAEL POWELL



Easter washout: tourists stare forlornly at Big Ben as rain swept across London at the start of the holiday weekend. Most areas suffered downpours. Page 3

NUT set to order two-year boycott of tests

By John O'Leary
Education Correspondent

LEADERS of Britain's biggest teaching union yesterday raised the stakes in the dispute over the government's compulsory classroom tests by threatening a two-year boycott in primary and secondary schools. The decision could herald the end of the tests as a national exercise.

The executive of the National Union of Teachers, which had previously limited its calls for action to the English tests at 14, gave unanimous support to a harder line. Proposals for a boycott of all tests at 7, 11 and 14 will be put to the union's annual conference in Brighton today.

If, as expected, delegates agree, a ballot of NUT members involved in the tests will take place before the end of the month. One union is already boycotting the tests and another is committed to a ballot. John Patten, the education secretary, declined to comment last night.

Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, said the executive would recommend calling off a boycott only if the tests were scrapped. Although the union welcomed the review of the curriculum and testing announced by Mr Patten teachers could not be expected to continue with a discredited process.

"We are taking this action so that teachers and pupils alike do not suffer the burden of unsound tests simply to satisfy the political whim of the secretary of state," Mr McAvoy said. "We believe that parents will be with us on that."

The intervention of the NUT, which has more than 150,000 members involved in the administration of this year's tests, would have an immediate effect on the assessment of pupils aged seven. Most of the union's members are primary teachers, many of whom have almost completed their assessments. The results of these would not now be published although teachers would still report to parents. Mr McAvoy said that the extension of a boycott into 1994 was designed to ensure that primary teachers did not start next year's assessments

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Pakistan Tour in danger after drug arrests

From John Woodcock in Grenada

PAKISTAN's cricket tour of the West Indies — seen as an unofficial world Test championship — was in danger last night after Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, captain and vice-captian, were among four members of the touring team charged with possessing marijuana. The others were Aqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed.

All four were released on police bail of £150 and will appear in court on Tuesday. The maximum fine is £15,000.

Khalid Mahmood, the tour manager, who went with the players to the police station, last night described the charges as ridiculous and said: "At this stage I don't think the tour can go on." The charges were baseless, he said. "The players are very upset and in a state of shock. They are not in any state of mind to play cricket tomorrow and at this stage I don't think the tour can go on.



Mahmood: Sure the boys are innocent

"I have been in touch with the Pakistan board and we will go home if this is not sorted out. I'm certain the boys are innocent."

The arrests took place on the beach alongside the team's hotel and also involved two English women visitors and a Grenadan man. The Pakistanis are due to start a three-day match against a West Indies XI today and to fly to Trinidad on Tuesday for the first of three Tests starting next Thursday.

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Hypnotherapist's patients talk to police after films found

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

WOMEN treated by an Essex hypnotherapist suspected of sexually assaulting and filming between 30 and 40 of his patients were yesterday being interviewed by detectives.

Nearly 30 women came forward within hours of an appeal by Scotland Yard for patients of the man to make contact after the discovery of video film at his home. The videos were found when police began investigating the man who was accused of indecently assaulting a 20-year-old woman last month.

He appeared in court on Thursday accused of indecent assault. As he left court he was rearrested for questioning about other alleged offences. The 49-year-old unemployed man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was rereleased on bail last night after being questioned by police at Romford, Essex.

Police suspect the videos were filmed secretly during the past year while the victims were under hypnosis. They are investigating whether any films were sold. Detectives need to discover whether the women were aware of what was happening and had consented. Yesterday they launched a special telephone hotline for women to contact at Romford police station.

Detective Sergeant Colin Threadgold, in charge of the investigation, said he had viewed two videos. "They show women, in my opinion, under hypnotic control who are having some very strange things done to them. It would amount to serious sexual assaults if the ladies were to complain of them," he said.

The hypnotherapist offered free treatment for weight problems, dieting and stress, advertising in the local press. The man, who is married and has two grown-up children, falsely claimed to be medically qualified. The videos are thought to have been made in his home and feature women aged from their late teens to middle age.

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Serbs bar UN from siege town

By Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

THE United Nations suffered yet another setback in its struggle to bring peace to Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday when the Bosnian Serbs refused point-blank to allow Canadian troops to enter the besieged town of Srebrenica.

UN military chiefs failed in talks yesterday to persuade the Serb general Ratko Mladic to change his mind, and he left declaring: "No way to deploy more peacekeepers in Bosnia. Only over my dead body and that of my family."

The general did, however, agree to include Srebrenica in a ceasefire that is just about holding in the rest of Bosnia. He also promised to meet Muslim military leaders on Monday to discuss the fate of the town, which has been under siege for a year.



Morillon: facing recall to France

The Serb block on the deployment of about 150 Canadian peacekeepers is a fresh blow both to the UN, which is struggling to regain its credibility after bullets were found in an aid lorry, and to its commander, General Philippe Morillon, who has made a personal pledge to protect the Muslims of Srebrenica. Only a month ago, General Morillon was hailed a hero when he got food to the town after repeated delays and confrontations with the Bosnian Serbs. But on Thursday he was humiliatingly forced to turn back as he made his way to Srebrenica and he is facing criticism at home in France, with many senior officers demanding that he be recalled.

Diplomatic sources at the UN suggested yesterday that the boxes of ammunition uncovered at a Serb checkpoint on Thursday were probably smuggled on to the lorry by local people working for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees at Sarajevo airport. Both Serbs and Muslims are involved in loading food and medicine. Peter Kessler, a UNHCR spokesman, said: "We are totally baffled by this. Despite our best efforts, some wily people managed to operate a smuggling network under our noses." Another spokesman rejected Bosnian Serb suggestions that the UNHCR was deliberately trying to arm the Muslims. "That's ludicrous," Sylvana Foa said. "We take responsibility, but we also consider it an incredible abuse of our humanitarian operation."

The Bosnian Serb army formally protested to the UN about the ammunition yesterday and said: "In the event of a repetition, the convoys wil be seized and the personnel arrested." While the Serbs

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Dublin arrest ends IRA suspect's two years on run

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PEARSE McAuley, one of the two IRA suspects who made a spectacular escape from Brixton prison nearly two years ago, was arrested by Irish police as he stepped off a train in Dublin yesterday.

The other suspect, Nessan Quinlivan, was arrested by Irish detectives last Sunday after a raid on a farmhouse in co. Tipperary. He was charged in Dublin's Special Criminal Court with firearms offences and remanded in custody.



McAuley: alleged to have shot driver

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch had long suspected that both had reached the Irish republic and were hiding. The arrests come hard on the heels of a pledge last month by Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, that more would be done to fight the IRA.

McAuley was arrested by special branch officers as he arrived at Dublin's city-centre Connolly station after leaving a suburban train. He was searched by police, who found a handgun. Held under the Ireland's anti-terrorist Offences Against the State Act for questioning about the possession of a firearm and other offences, he was taken to the Bridewell police station.

Under the act, he can be held for 24 hours, which can be extended for a further 24 hours before charge or release. Both he and Quinlivan are likely to face extradition applications from Scotland Yard, which yesterday said it would set in motion the machinery.

The two were originally arrested in Britain in a car at Stonehenge in October 1990. They were charged with conspiring to kill Sir Charles Tidbury, former chairman of Whitbread brewers, who lives near Portsmouth, Hampshire, and conspiracy to cause explosions.

Quinlivan and McAuley disappeared in July 1991 when they escaped from Brixton while being taken back to the cells from Mass at the prison chapel. They are alleged to have scaled the 17ft wall by putting a wheelbarrow on to a dog kennel. Outside the prison, they hijacked one car at gunpoint and then commandeered another after shooting the driver in the leg. The pair vanished after being dropped by taxi at Baker Street Underground station. They paid the fare with a £20 note stolen from the wounded motorist.

A political storm broke about the escape. Kenneth Baker, then home secretary, ordered an enquiry into security at Brixton, and Reg Withers, the governor, took early retirement. A senior civil servant in the prison department was also moved and all prisoners waiting trial on terrorist charges were moved from Brixton.

Police were furious at the loss of the two men after extensive police operations had led to their capture and Mr Baker faced calls in the Commons for his resignation.

CORRECTION

In an article (March 12) on the 1985 crash in Texas of a Delta Airlines Tristar, it was incorrectly stated that the law firm Adler Kaplan & Begy defended the air traffic controller. In fact the defence was conducted by the US Justice Department's Tort Branch.





Class of '37: George Young, far right in the Bert Hardy photograph, became a staunch Tory, but had doubts about being replaced by John Major on the front cover

The urchins who turned Tory dread old age under Major

BY KATE ALDERSON

TWO of the street urchins in this famous 1937 photograph by Bert Hardy, which came to symbolise the great British class divide, became ardent Tory supporters. But now they are threatening to abandon John Major, champion of the classless society.

George Salmon, Jack Catlin and George Young were 12-year-olds from the London slums when their picture, alongside two boys from Harrow outside Lord's cricket ground, first appeared. A recent reproduction of the 56-year-old photograph on the front of the *Spectator* has prompted Mr Young, 68, and Mr Catlin, 67, to express disillusionment with the party they have supported all their lives.

On the magazine's cover, headlined "Breeding Winners — the Strength of the Upper Classes", Mr Young, the child from the slums, was replaced by a cartoon of Mr Major. He wrote to the magazine: "I never aspired to be a toff but, approaching retirement after a blameless and hard-working life (as a Conservative voter), I have been looking forward to a comfortable retirement. I am now becoming nervous. VAT on domestic fuel today, what tomorrow? Could the man sharing my trousers please give me some worthwhile assurance that I will not face economic obliteration in my old age? Good lads deserve better."

Last night Mr Young, now a window-cleaner who saved for many years to buy his east London council house, said: "I just feel they don't know what they're doing any more."

He added: "We ducked out of school to make a bit of money. We used to take the seat cushions from the cricket ground back for a few bob and open the taxi doors for the Harrow boys. It was the only way to make a living." He remembers being in awe of the Harrow boys: "We had never seen anything like them before," he said. "They were so far removed from our experience. It made me sad, though, when I heard that both of them had died." Thomas Dyson died from diptheria 13 months after the photograph was taken. Peter Wagner, after a life of serious illness, died aged 60.

Mr Catlin, whose mother used to send him to queue outside Lord's with a pillowcase to collect leftover bread rolls when he should have been in school, is now a legal executive after a career in the civil service. He said: "My dad was a communist but he tried so hard to convert me I went the other way. But I'm not very happy with the Conservatives now. It all seems to be going wrong."

Newton falls foul of VAT pledges

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Newton, Leader of the Commons, was under fire last night after apparently denying that the government had ever ruled out extending VAT to domestic fuel and power.

Asked about alleged broken election promises, Mr Newton said: "What was said was that there were no plans to extend the scope of VAT."

When his BBC interviewer protested that the Conservatives had castigated Labour for claiming that they would raise the tax, Mr Newton retorted: "I am simply making a factual point about what was said."

But Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said later that Mr Newton had admitted that the public was wrong to take ministerial statements at face value. "He is certainly saying that whatever a Tory says in an election campaign can be ignored."

Speaking a year to the day after John Major was returned with a 21-seat majority, Mr Newton defended the VAT switch as a necessary response to the recession's unforeseen length and depth. "Governments have to respond to circumstances as they change."

But the latest opinion poll suggests that the electorate might not be so forgiving. A Gallup survey published in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday found that 76 per cent of people believed that they had been misled by the Tories over taxation during the campaign.

The survey, giving Labour an 18.5 point lead over the Conservatives, also confirmed MORI's finding that the government has fallen further behind the Opposition in the 12 months since the election than any administration since the second world war.

Mr Newton said that the beginnings of recovery reflected the quality and strength of Mr Major's leadership.

But Mr Dobson said: "It has been like the year of the nerds."

Tests face two-year boycott

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if the present system was still in place. Mr McAvoy predicted that the government would be forced to abandon the tests.

The NUT's ballot will not be held until after the appeal by Wandsworth council, in south London, against a High Court ruling that the boycott by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers is legal. But Mr McAvoy said that the judgment was unlikely to halt the NUT's action.

With the Association of Teachers and Lecturers voting to ballot its members on a boycott, the NUT was expected to toughen its attitude. Delegates arriving in Brighton were determined to add to the pressure on Mr Patten.

Mr Patten and Sir Ron Dearing, who is to carry out the review of the curriculum and its tests, have urged teachers not to proceed with a boycott. They argue that this summer's experience will demonstrate what changes are needed in the tests.

UN troops barred from siege town

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were attempting to make capital from the UN's embarrassment, one of the mediators admitted that the West may have to use military force to bring peace to the republic. Lord Owen told BBC radio that he thought the Western powers would have to accept that economic sanctions and the political isolation of Serbia might not be enough. "They may have to take some specific and carefully judged military action."

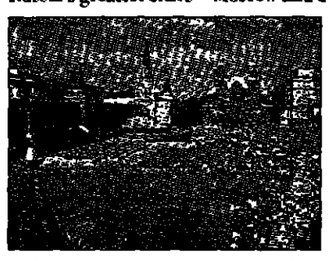
In the meantime, the UN is considering tougher sanctions aimed at forcing Serbia to negotiate peace. The measures proposed are even more stringent than those imposed on Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait, but Russia is threatening to veto the resolution if it is put to the vote on Monday as it wants to give its special envoy Vitali Churkin more time to pursue his peace effort with the Serbs.

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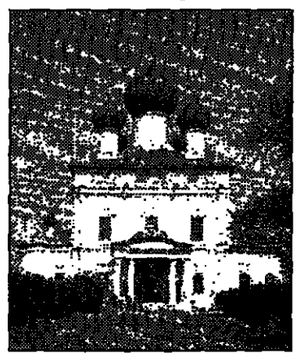
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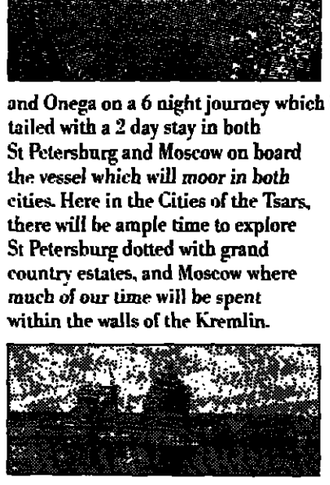
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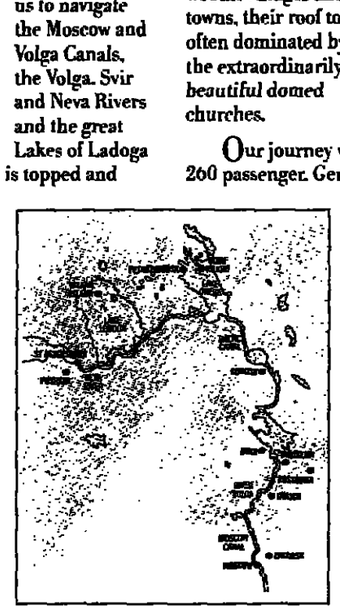
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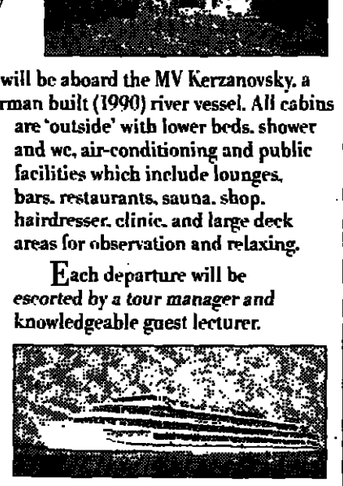


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NEWS IN BRIEF

BA pilots to vote on 24-hour strike

British Airways pilots are to hold a strike ballot over a dispute about pay and conditions. A 24-hour strike is one of the options being considered if pilots vote for industrial action in the ballot to be held later this month.

The dispute centres on BA's decision to set up a new division at Gatwick employing about 120 former Dan-Air pilots on routes inherited from Dan-Air. They are paid about 40 per cent less than BA pilots. Balpa, the pilots' union, said that BA pilots faced being transferred to other parts of the company or forced to work for the new operation on lower wages. It wants all pilots' pay brought into line.

Buried dog rescued

A border terrier stuck 25ft underground for six days was last night rescued at the end of an operation involving more than 20 people, including seven firemen, two police officers and four members of the RSPCA. Rastus became entombed under tons of rock after vanishing down a hole at a quarry on the moors above Keighley, West Yorkshire, during a walk with his owner, Peter Drake. The dog was found by Les Rushworth, 23, after he crawled into a hole and burrowed through until he felt the dog's fur.

Wheelchair sea death

Diana Campbell, the round-the-world disabled yachtswoman, was found dead on the foreshore near her home at Hamble, Hampshire, yesterday after apparently taking her own life by driving her electric wheelchair into the sea. A niece of Sir Cecil Rhodes, Miss Campbell, 61, had been disabled by arthritis since she was a teenager. However, her love of the sea triumphed and she became a keen yachtswoman. A close friend said that she also had terminal breast cancer but had refused to take medication.

Doctor disputes claim

Government claims that London has too many hospital beds are not backed up by facts, according to a senior doctor. Professor Brian Jarman, professor of general practice at St Mary's hospital, London, says in the *British Medical Journal* that a comparison of admission rates had shown that London beds per resident equal the national average.

Jess Yates dies

Jess Yates, organist and former presenter of the religious programme *Stars on Sunday*, died at Llandudno Hospital from a stroke yesterday. He was 74. Mr Yates's television career was cut short in 1974 when newspapers alleged that he was having an affair with a showgirl 31 years his junior. He leaves a daughter, the broadcaster Paula Yates.

Police ambush car

Five people including a boy aged 18 months were held for six hours after armed police ambushed their car on the A1 near Doncaster. About 30 officers surrounded the car as a police helicopter flew overhead. They were acting on a tip-off that a gun was hidden in the car. No weapon was found and the adults were bailed without charge early yesterday.

THE TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

Is this the end of marriage?

MARRIAGE is a damaging and outmoded institution which does more harm than good, says Dr Julian Hafner, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*. Is he right? Dr Hafner will defend his views, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University, at a Times/Dillons debate. Challenging them will be Rabbi Julia Neuberger and the novelist and broadcaster Bel Mooney.

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Van design blamed for escapes from prison escort firm

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

■ The Home Office fears that the past week's events will confirm the poor public perception of the private security industry

URGENT changes are to be made to vans used in privatised prison escort duties after design faults were blamed for escapes by two prisoners. Bars will be put on the windows of the vans before court business resumes next week, after one prisoner cracked the glass and fled.

Gary Salesman, 20, was still on the run yesterday after escaping from a van used by the Group 4 security firm as he was being driven from Derby Magistrates' Court to Glen Parva young offenders' institution on Thursday. He was the third prisoner to escape in the first four days since Group 4 began operating the first privatised prison escort service.

Tougher security locks have been placed on the roof hatches of other vehicles after another prisoner escaped while being driven from Lincoln jail to Spalding Magistrates' Court on Tuesday. The escape of a third prisoner, who vaulted from the dock at Hull Magistrates' Court, is being blamed on human error.

The security failures have alarmed ministers and the Prison Service Agency. The new vans are built to specifications ordered by the Home Office and are not designed or manufactured by Group 4.

With penal reform groups and the Prison Officers' Association seizing on the escapes to question the privatisation of the penal system, Derek Lewis, director-general of the agency, has called a meeting with Group 4 executives.

According to Home Office figures in six of the seven counties where Group 4 carries out escort duties, there were 57 escapes from police and 11 from prison officer escorts in the year until the end of March. In 1992 there were 146 escapes from all escorts. The Home Office was prepared for teething troubles in the initial stages of Group 4's five-year contract but some officials admit that the first week will confirm the poor public perception of the private security industry.

Group 4 said last night that the scale of the exercise had led to early difficulties but there had been improvements during the week. The company was convinced that its procedures were sound and its staff properly trained.

It has been recruiting and training staff since it won the contract last year. Before being accepted for a six-week training course, applicants undergo a day of aptitude tests designed to produce a profile of personality traits, including levels of aggression. Group 4 says that it checked the personal history of each applicant over the past 20 years, or back to school leaving age, and that the Home Office provides security screening involving the use of police criminal records.

Trainee prison officers spend four weeks in a prison before another nine at training schools and twelve months on probation in a prison before becoming full-time officers. Their course is similar to Group 4's, but officers are not allowed to do escort duties during their probation period.

☐ An internal Scotland Yard enquiry has begun into a communications breakdown that resulted in police waiting more than 24 hours before extending a hunt for a convicted sex killer.

Alan Houchin, 54, serving life for murder, rape and attempted murder, escaped three days ago from his prison service escorts while visiting a hospice in south London. Police searched the area around Penge but nothing was done to widen the hunt.



JULIAN HERBERT

Waterlogged: pouring rain did not deter competitors in the annual Devizes to Westminster canoe race, who faced a 125-mile marathon

Three killed as rainstorms ruin holiday break

BY PETER VICTOR

HEAVY rain washed out the start of the Easter holiday yesterday with many roads blocked and rivers reaching flood level. At least three people died in accidents caused by the storms.

More than 36 hours of continuous rain led to flood alerts in southwest Scotland. Hundreds of acres of farmland were under water after the rivers Nith, Ure, Annan, Dee and Cree burst their banks in many places. There were also flood alerts on the Sid, Otter, Coly, Yarty and Axe in Devon, where 35mm of rain fell overnight.

Roads in Cumbria were blocked by floodwater and both lanes of the M1 in Hertfordshire were closed after vehicles collided in the poor weather.

Julie Hurton, 14, from Hull, was killed near Market Weighton, Humberside, when her family's car and caravan overturned on a steep hill. Richard Fitzpatrick, 11, died and two girls were seriously injured in a crash in Blackpool, Lancashire.

One man was found dead and another was feared drowned last night after a father and son failed to return from a sea-fishing trip. They had set out from Filey in North Yorkshire. But hundreds of canoeists braved the rain to paddle 125 miles in the annual Devizes to Westminster canoe race.

The bad weather did bring good news for some, however, with a boost for retail sales as families forsook day-trips for shopping to escape the rain. Harrods reported a 28 per cent increase in its sales yesterday, only the second Good Friday that the Knightsbridge store has opened.

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Du Maurier affair true, says writer

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE author of the official biography of Daphne Du Maurier yesterday admitted her firm belief in the lesbian affair between the novelist and the actress Gertrude Lawrence. No judgment on the alleged homosexuality was made in the biography at the request of Dame Daphne's family.

Margeret Forster, whose biography has met with wide acclaim, said that she had not drawn conclusions in the book, despite finding two letters from Dame Daphne which described a physical relationship between the two women. Pressure from the family, which refuse to believe in the affair, had not allowed any judgment to be made on the subject.

"But if asked, yes, I do think they loved each other," she said yesterday. "Daphne was absolutely devastated by the death of Gertrude, she was catatonic at the time and none of the family could understand why."

One of the letters, published in the book, describes a lingering goodbye between Gertrude and Dame Daphne. The letter was proof in itself, Forster said.

The controversy surrounding the novelist's alleged obsession with certain women continues this weekend with a film about her to be broadcast tomorrow. A close former friend of Dame Daphne, writer Michael Thornton, has spoken out against the makers of the film, alleging that he was trapped into recording an interview in which he was asked questions about the lesbian relationship against his will. In a letter to The Times, he claims that the preconditions upon which he agreed to be filmed were ignored and that requests to take him out of the film were refused.

Both Forster, the interviewer, and Granada Television, the maker of the film, strongly defended the programme. A spokesman for Granada said that Mr Thornton had been fully briefed before the interview, while Forster described his claims as ridiculous.

Mr Thornton, a friend and correspondent of Dame Daphne for 30 years, said that his relationship with the novelist's family had been ruined by the controversy and could be further jeopardised by his part in the film.

Mr Thornton said that he had never believed in the alleged affair and that the letters from Dame Daphne had been pure fiction on her part. "She was a chameleon who changed her colour depending on who she was with. The letters are another instance of her fantasy," he said.

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Mother of scalded girl forced out

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE mother of a critically ill baby, which had been scalded by boiling water, has been moved to a secret location after angry neighbours surrounded her house.

Police were called to the home of the 25-year-old woman in Abertridwr near Caerphilly in Mid Glamorgan after about 50 men, women and children demonstrated outside for 40 minutes.

The year-old girl, believed to have been injured last Tuesday, is in the specialist burns unit of St Lawrence hospital in Chepstow and was described yesterday as being in a critical but stable condition. She has had surgery to second-degree burns to her legs, back and abdomen.

The woman's boy friend, also 25, appeared before Caerphilly magistrates on Thursday charged with neglecting the baby and was remanded in custody. The woman was released on police bail.

Supt Albert Hayes, of South Wales police, said: "I would appeal to people to let justice take its course. This sort of protest does nothing to help."

Michelle Howells, 32, a neighbour, said: "People here are appalled at the poor little baby's terrible injuries. This is a caring, close-knit community and feelings are running so high there was a protest in the street."

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Tom Shone looks at the loneliness of the love-lost movies — The Culture, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Ducks must be killed to save rarer species

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE success of a species of duck introduced into Britain by Sir Peter Scott could be its undoing. Bird preservation organisations recognise that culling the ruddy duck may be the only way to preserve a rarer species.

Ruddy ducks, which originate in North America, have spread across Europe after their introduction by the late Sir Peter in the 1950s. They breed with the less-energetic Mediterranean white-headed variety, producing hybrids and putting the European duck's future at risk.

Mike Everett, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday: "There's been a lot of concern. But culling the ruddy ducks is the only answer; it's horrendous but it needs to be done."

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, which manages the reserve at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, from where the duck began its colonisation, agrees. Kim Stiles of the trust said: "It may shock the public, but shooting them or giving them a lethal injection is the only answer."

Conservationists in Spain have already been out with their guns. In Britain, the environment department held a conference last month and set up a working party to decide what to do.

Mr Stiles said: "I know people will be shocked . . . but if we don't act another breed will be wiped out."



Doomed duck: ruddy threatens European cousin

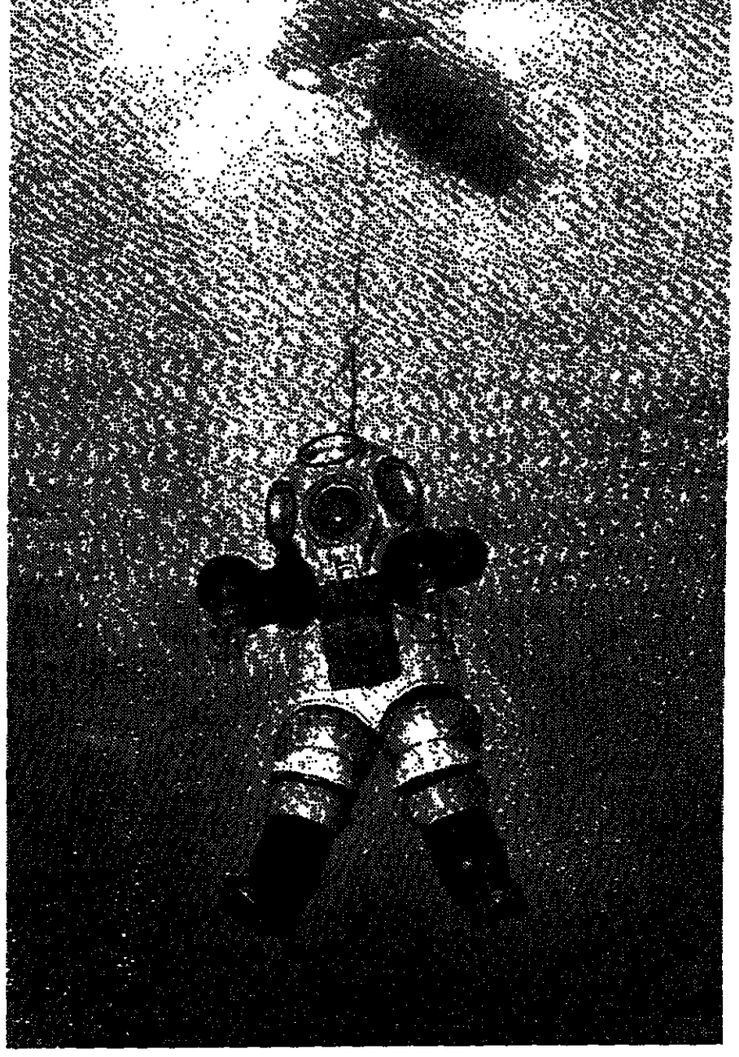
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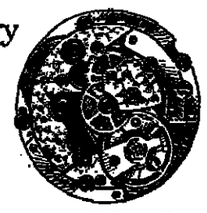
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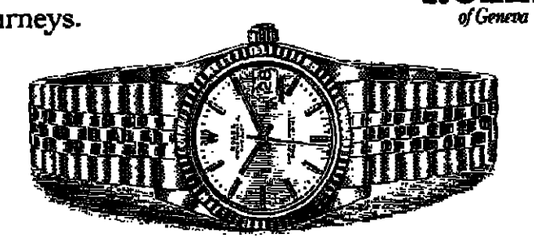
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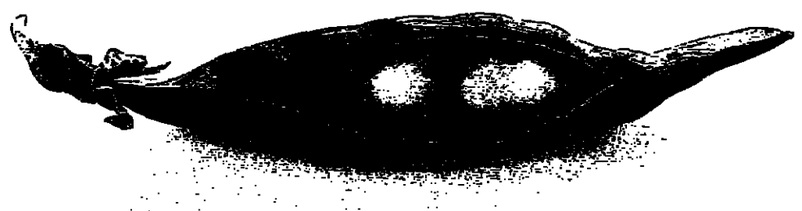
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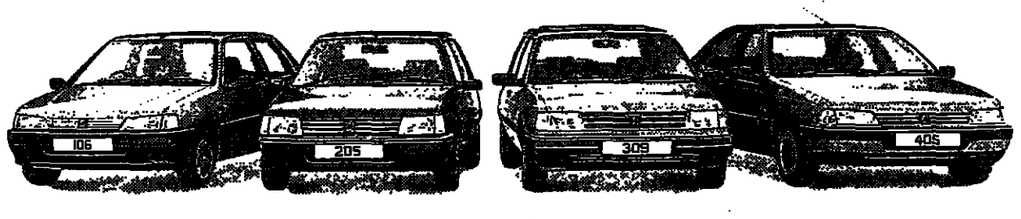


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'There is very little control over who can set themselves up as complementary therapists'

Medical group tells patients to beware bogus hypnotists

BY JAMES LANDALE

The case of a hypnotherapist accused of sexual assault could set the cause of alternative medicine back many years

THE public were yesterday warned to beware of unscrupulous alternative practitioners, after police said a hypnotherapist may have sexually abused up to 30 of his patients.

Mandy Langford, of the British Complementary Medicine Association (BCMA), said: "People must ensure that a practitioner belongs to a genuine association and insist that they see a certificate. This kind of case does untold damage to the profession and obviously causes great public concern."

Anyone can practise hypnotherapy without supervision or qualification. There are up to 70 hypnotherapy organisations, each with their own training and regulatory standards, but there is no umbrella organisation with which all hypnotherapists must register.

John Butler, scientific and technological advisor to the British Society of Hypnotherapists, said too many untrained people dabbled in hypnotherapy. "This is why we have been campaigning for a single legal body since the early 1970s," he said.

"A lot of patient abuse goes unreported. There is a significant amount but it is not rampant."

The British Medical Association (BMA) is preparing a report that will call for a proper system of control and regulation of so-called complementary therapists. It said yesterday: "At the moment there is very little control over the sort of people who can set themselves up as complementary therapists. It is worrying, especially when you are talking about the protection of patients." The report is due out in June.

Mr Butler described hypnotherapy as "a form of psychotherapy which uses the hypnotic state to allow greater access to the unconscious processes". He said that people were more "relaxed physically, more open mentally and more open to suggestion while hypnotised".

Ms Langford said that hypnosis alone could not make a person do anything against their moral and religious beliefs. "But where you have someone with strong charisma and personality generating emotional confidence in someone who is vulnerable, it does allow that person to wield some degree of power over another."

In the first world war, doctors experimented with hypnosis on shell-shocked soldiers and today it is used to treat those with post-traumatic stress disorder. Now hypnotherapists, advertising widely, spread their curative skills a little wider: smoking, slimming, stress, insomnia, blushing, phobias and even nail-biting come under their remit.

Sportsmen and women, from Frank Bruno to the former tennis player Annabel Croft, have also tried hypnotherapy. It is used to calm and stimulate athletes before competing. "It can't turn you into a four-minute miler, but it will improve your performance," John Butler said.

The medical value of hypnosis was first discovered in the 18th century by Franz Anton Mesmer, a Viennese physician, who used it to control "hysterical" women. He called it animal magnetism but it became known as mesmerism. In the 18th century James Braid, a Scottish surgeon, renamed it hypnosis after the Greek god of sleep and developed its therapeutic use.

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Under the influence: hypnotherapy was first used in the 18th century, when it was called animal magnetism

Nasa toys with tiny trucks for Mars

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A FLEET of remote-controlled vehicles the size of toy trucks could soon be rumbling across Mars as part of a mission by Nasa, the American space agency.

Engineers, struggling to meet tight budgets, are planning to dot the Martian surface with a network of low-cost scientific stations, each with a small rover carrying instruments and a television camera. The stations and trucks will study Martian rocks, weather and winds.

Tony Spear, of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, the centre developing the first mission, said: "We may also fit seismology instruments so we can measure Mars quakes." The Viking mission, which landed on Mars in the mid-1970s, cost $43.5 million but each of the Mars Environmental Survey (Mesur) craft will be built and launched for about $10 million.

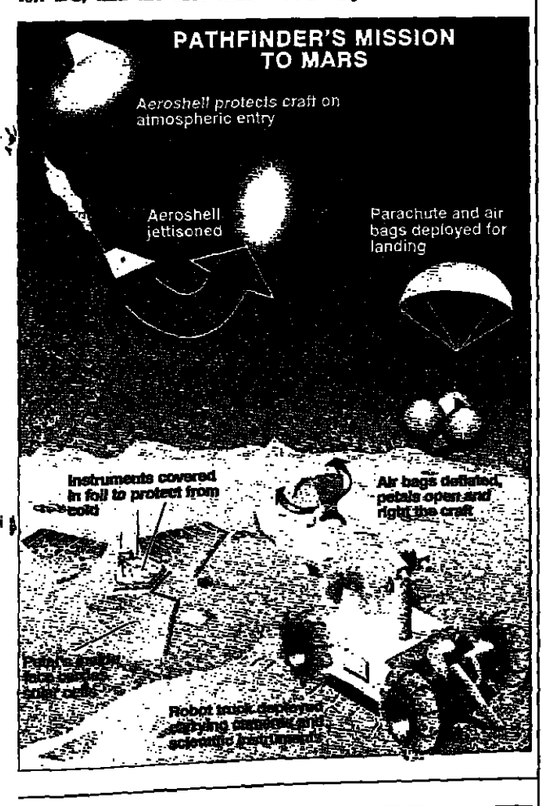
The scheme is being orchestrated by the solar exploration division of Nasa in Washington DC, and the first craft, called Pathfinder, is already being designed at JPL.

The craft will plunge through the Martian atmosphere protected by disc-like structures that can withstand the entry temperatures before deploying parachutes and air bags to cushion the landing.

Mr Spear said technology developed by the Soviet Union for its planned but abandoned Moon lander will be used to right the stations. The petal-like sides of the craft fold out on to the surface to expose the main instruments and release the rover.

If the scheme is given the go-ahead, the Pathfinder test could be launched in 1996, probably by a Delta rocket. The main mission could start with four craft dispatched in January 1999 for arrival in December that year, followed by four more in January 2002. The final eight would be launched simultaneously on two rockets in 2003.

Mr Spear said it was likely that an orbiting mother ship launched in 2001 would act as a relay station.



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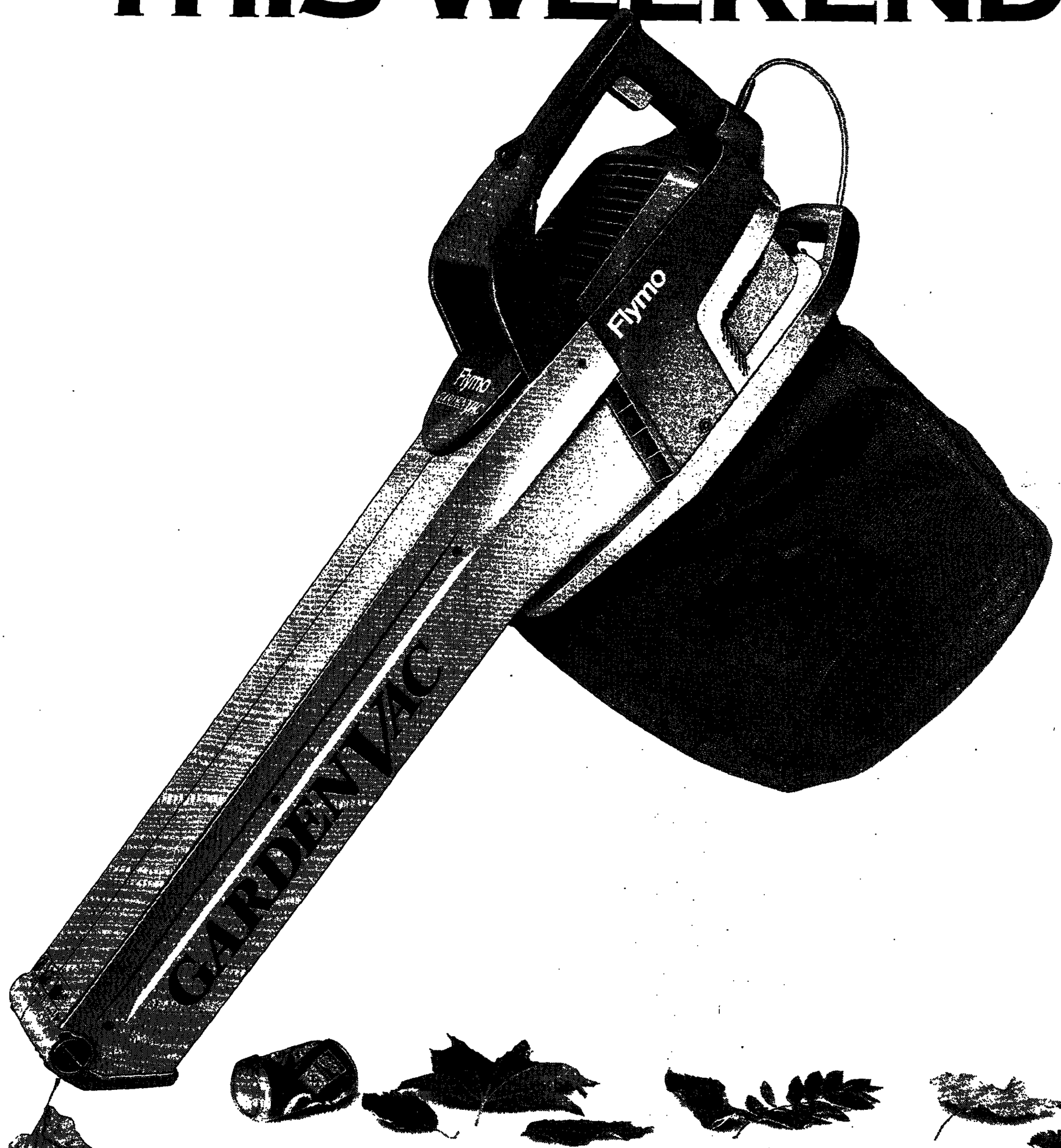
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Christians gather for Easter

Evangelicals ditch tambourines for community action

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

MORE than 70,000 Christians are meeting this weekend at four Butlins holiday camps to celebrate Easter. The £2 million event, called Spring Harvest, has attracted worshippers across the church-going spectrum, from charismatic Pentecostalists to Roman Catholics.

The gatherings reflect how the modern evangelical movement, of which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, is a figurehead, is moving away from the fundamentalist "happy clappy" style imported from the United States in the 1970s. The emphasis on personal salvation is being complemented by a new drive towards charitable and social action.

At the meeting in Minehead, Somerset, this week, evangelicals were urged to interpret the Bible in its social context instead of as a wholly literal text. Theories of biblical criticism, anathema to fundamentalists, were discussed. Evangelicals were told that faith must be accompanied by good deeds, and urged to be active locally and nationally on social issues. New converts were advised in one seminar to read the King James authorised version of the Bible and not the more modern versions usually recommended by evangelicals.

I saw only one tambourine, played by a visitor. During worship, a choir sang Handel's *Messiah* as well as gospel songs. There was little or no "speaking in tongues" during open worship, a phenomenon of the charismatic evangelical movement.

Speakers at the four-week event include the entertainer Roy Castle, who is continuing his fight against lung cancer. Mr Castle and his wife Fiona are visiting Butlins sites at Minehead, Skegness, Ayr and Pwllheli. Another speaker will be Elaine Storkey, a theological adviser to the archbishop and contributor to the BBC's *Thought for the Day*.

The event, founded in 1979 by Clive Calver and Peter Meadows of the Evangelical Alliance, an interdenominational group, began in Prestatyn with 3,000 Christians. Mr Meadows said: "In the 1970s, there was a rediscovering of the evangelical social conscience, blending the word and works. Evangelicals like Wilberforce [who led the campaign to abolish the slave trade] were the forerunners of social change but, with the attack on biblical authority that followed, evangelicals lost their nerve and fled from social involvement.

"In the past few years, we have been recapturing our social roots. The evangelical church today is unrecognisable from that of 15 years ago in terms of its worship, thinking and its relevance."

The first Aids hospice in Europe, the Mildmay mission in east London, was founded and paid for by evangelicals, Mr Meadows said. "Personal salvation has to be worked out through a changed lifestyle."

Spring Harvest has had a far-reaching influence on weekly services in dozens of Anglican, Methodist and Baptist churches. Some congregations take out block bookings at the Butlins camps at Easter, returning home to bring new life and ideas to stale patterns of worship.

Referring to recent events in Britain, Laurel Wingfield, 33, an archaeologist, said: "Sometimes it seems we are surrounded by evil deeds and evil thoughts. I do feel helpless in the face of it all. An event like this is a reminder that, while there are an awful lot of bad people around, there are many good ones as well."

Liz Toye, 23, a Baptist from Southampton, said: "A lot of people in the world are just going their own way. No one says it will be all right if we follow Christ; it is hard being a Christian but we believe it is the truth."

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TED BATH



Different drum: young Christians relax in the disco at Butlins, Minehead

Anne Scargill vows to continue pit sit-in

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

FOUR women, led by Anne Scargill, wife of the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, last night settled down for their second night of protest against pit closures 500 metres underground at Parkside Colliery on Merseyside.

The four, members of National Women Against Pit Closures, began their sit-in at the last mine in the Lancashire coalfield, near Newton-le-Willows, on Thursday evening after tagging on to a party of teachers on a tour.

Parkside ceased production in October as part of the government's plan to close 31 pits. British Coal has continued to maintain its fabric in case a private mining group wants to take it over.

Supporters of the women yesterday asked British Coal to be allowed to supply them with food and drinks. A British Coal spokesman said the women were acting illegally, adding: "We have asked them to shift, and they won't. It is not our intention at this stage to give them any facilities."

They are staging their protest at the bottom of the pit's No.2 shaft. Local NUM officials said they were in a "draughty, dusty and cold" tunnel. The chairwoman of their protest group, Sylvia Pye, said: "It is quite cold and uncomfortable down there. If they have no food it will be tough, but they are tough women. One of us went down yesterday and they said that they would stay as long as they could." A demonstration, to be attended by Mrs Scargill's husband Arthur, is planned outside the pit on Monday.

In December last year, Mrs Scargill led a group of women who occupied the control room and telephone exchange at Markham Main colliery in South Yorkshire, another pit where production had ceased. Since then, she has led marches and chained herself to the doors of the Department of Trade and Industry in London, where the President of the Board of Trade, Michael Heseltine, has his office.

When Mr Heseltine was pelted with eggs and flour during a visit to a new steel plant near Doncaster, she said: "I cannot condone violence in any way, but I can understand their anger. I don't know how Michael Heseltine had the cheek to come here."

Credo

The dangers of putting our faith in God and Jesus

David Jenkins

I believe that God invested Himself wholly in the suffering and dying of a single man. I grew into this idea through some evangelical Christians who were excited by the Bible, warmed by faith and filled by hope.

Our intimate and personal experience of God's love, shown above all in the dying of Jesus for us, was, we believed, a taste of what God and the world was all about and a glimpse of what would eventually come about. Jesus was the personal embodiment of God's "Alpha and Omega": he was the living out of the message about God's presence, power and promise, which stretched from the Alpha beginning in God's creativity to the Omega end in God's sharing and fulfilling of love. When looked into as an idea to be developed into a constructed doctrine, the notion seems increasingly absurd. If there be a God, and He is truly God, He must be so mysteriously universal, so beyond the scope of language (including the language of gender), and so unnameable that if "He" is available at all then it must be an availability under such a multitude of names that to locate Him, in some uniquely decisive way, in a named Jesus of Nazareth, must be at least an absurdity — if it is not, in practice, a blasphemy. For it can too easily look like divinising a man, and so producing a cult idol, superstitiously venerated by worshippers who have not recognised a status but conferred it.

So what seems worse for us as Christian believers is not so much the absurdity of our faith but the danger in it. For example, having identified the loving of God with the living of Jesus, we have traditionally identified priesthood with males only. Thus we reinforce the subjection of women. Christians are not alone among the religious traditions of the world in doing this, but locally we are having a particularly sharp reminder of it at the moment.

The worldwide expansion of Christian missionary activities has been deeply marred by the reading of faith in the uniqueness of Jesus in relation to God as a licence to compel and control persons and consciences, and forcibly to reshape cultures. "In the name of Jesus" can therefore become a terrible, rather than a saving, formula.

Once again, this sort of exploitative dominance is not confined to the Christian tradition among the religions of the world.

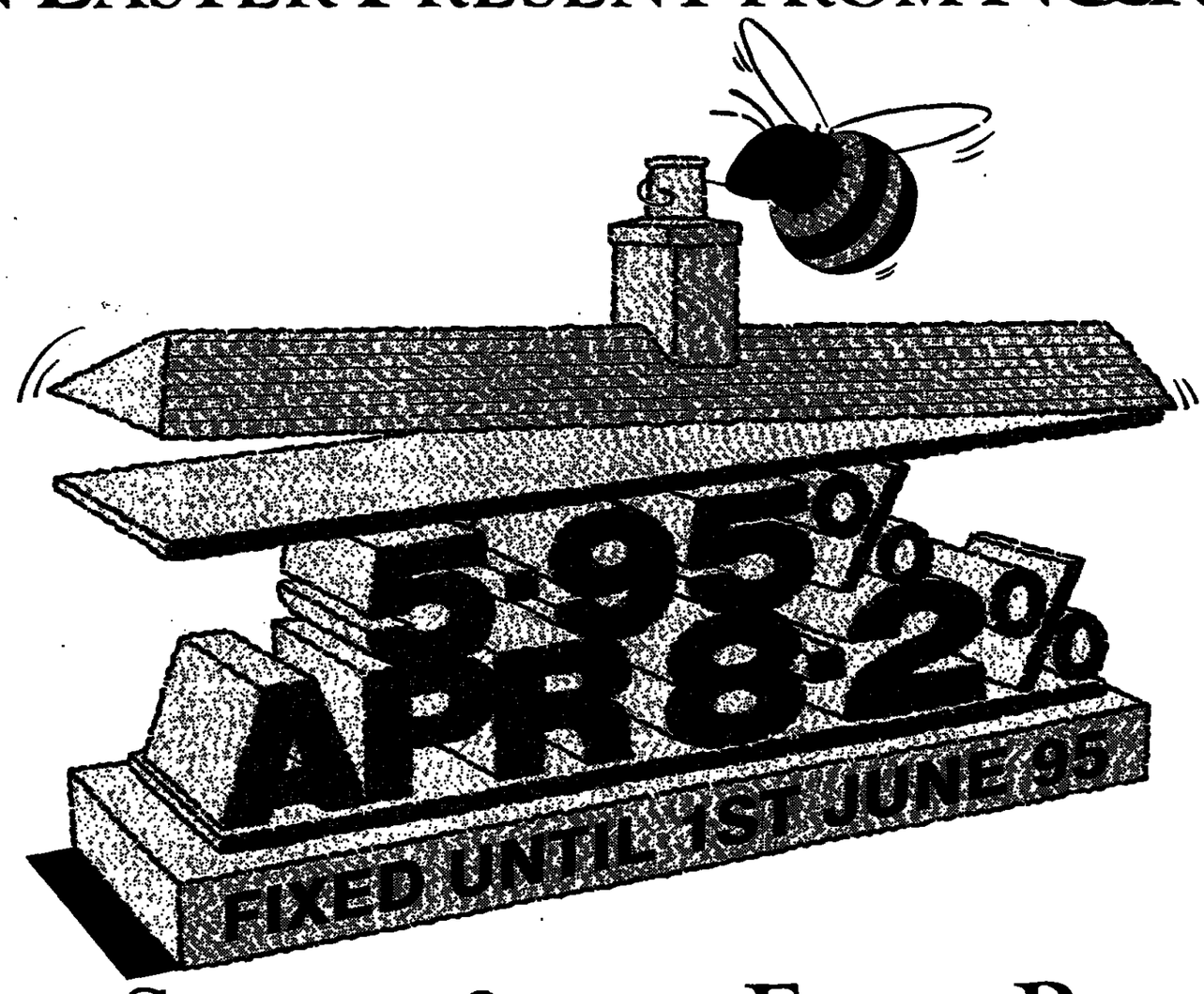
Easter compels me to ask whether my faith in God "in the name of Jesus" is spiritual self-indulgence and psychological escapism, or an invitation to go far deeper into the spirituality and practicality of seeing God uniquely in Jesus, who, so it is believed, lived out the glory of God by being a faithful and defeated man. As practised, religions — and perhaps especially the Christian religion — seem mostly to present "God" as a human invention and failure.

Religious faith goes wrong, just as the human endeavours of science and technology, of economics and politics, and the ideals of neighbourliness, worth and love go wrong.

I face all these questions and yet one still stands against the rest. What if there is, nonetheless, a God who is not our invention and who remains determined to rescue us from our wrongness? Perhaps there is the divine contribution of God's own mistake — the loving losing of the divine identity in personal particularity, in getting crucified and in rising again to renew the promises of faith, hope and love.

Dr David Jenkins is the Bishop of Durham

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Below the surface of Britain's trout waters, record-breakers lie in wait

Raw recruits vie for glory with veterans of fly fishing

By Brian Clarke, angling correspondent

AN ATTEMPT to end the gerrymandering of some of game fishing's most revered records will see thousands of trout fishermen heading for the water this weekend in the hope of writing a small piece of history.

A quirk of timing means that one of the records could be claimed by someone who has never held a rod before and may never hold one again. In January, the Salmon and Trout Association, governing body of game fishing, announced changes to the rules governing claims for record fish because some fishery owners had been growing tame trout to record size and putting them into small ponds for anglers to catch. The result was an easy angling record and publicity for the fishery concerned.

Rainbow trout were the first to see such activity, and record weights rocketed as fish farmers vied for headlines and business. In spite of protests, the Salmon and Trout Association failed to act, partly because the rainbow trout is an imported fish and not native to British waters.

There was an outcry recently, however, when a magnificent wild brown trout of 19lb, caught 16 years ago from a Scottish loch, was knocked off the record list by a farm-bred giant of 20lb. The brown trout is Britain's native species and the association was forced to act. Its response was to abolish the single record list for great trout of each species and to create two lists for each. One list is for specimens that have grown naturally in the wild, the other for fish reared on a farm. That has restored that 19lb brown trout, caught by JAF Jackson at Loch Quoich, Highland, to its rightful place as a record-holder, while the 20-pounder tops the farm-bred list.

But the situation for rainbow trout is still unresolved because all recent rainbow trout records have been artificially engineered, so there is no credible specimen to place at the top of the list for wild-grown beauties. This means the title of record-breaker is available for the first sizeable fish to be logged. The news will add extra excitement to the weekend that traditionally sees huge numbers of flyfishers heading to the water for the first outing of the new season. It also creates the possibility that the record could be seized by a beginner.

Next Tuesday, the Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers, the body that controls most of the lakes from which a rainbow record might come, is organising a national beginners' week.

The aim is to enable anyone to try the delights of Britain's most popular participant sport without having to invest in the clothing and equipment.

For about £10, beginners will be given tackle, casting instruction and the chance to take away one fish. That fish could claim the record.

None of the regular anglers believes this is a likely result, but the unpredictability of fishing is a great part of its appeal. Old hands will cast more feverishly over the next few days.

'The record could be claimed by someone who has never held a rod before'



Earlier record: brown trout caught in 1956

MARC ASPLAND



Bitten by the fishing bug: Ian Murray, right, gets a stylish lesson from the fishery owner Paul Sansom-Timms

Tall tales from this year's model angler

By Ian Murray

THE first fish waited until it knew there was an amateur on the other end of the line and then with one leap it was free.

Paul Sansom-Timms sighed, retrieved the rod, tied on another fly and started casting again. His first catch had taken nearly ten minutes, all to let him hand the £192 rod to the compleat amateur in the £169.95 automatically inflating safety waistcoat and £132.95 Barbour jacket, so that he could pose pulling in a trout on the end of a £39.95 fishing line with a £66.95 reel. After minor prompting about how to play the fish, the second trout was briefly landed in the £47.99 net and then, with a £14.95 waxed hat clamped firmly on against the wind, it was time to try out the £51.99 waders in deeper water.

The cost of equipment is a big reason why fisheries such as Croxley Hall near Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, are running a nationwide scheme next week, when absolute beginners will be taught how to cast and catch a fish for £10. "People don't want to spend out and then find they don't like the sport," Mr Sansom-Timms said. "But if they try it and get hooked on it then they will not mind spending the money."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Galleon's treasure to be sold

Gold coins and other booty from a Spanish ship wrecked off the Bahamas in about 1560 are to go on sale in London. The haul, one of the earliest from the Spanish new world, is expected to make about £150,000 at Christie's on April 28.

Gold pieces predating any known American currency are included, but most interest will focus on 40 hurriedly cast ingots of mixed precious metal made from melted down Indian ornaments. They all bear the seal of Charles V, showing that the ship must have sunk before 1560, when the seal was replaced by that of his successor, Philip II.

The treasure was found by Captain Hubert Humphreys Jr, who runs a marine salvage company in Florida. He also found the *Maravillas*, a Spanish galleon wrecked off the Bahamas in 1655 whose bullion and jewels made £453,773 at Christie's in London last year.

TA captain free

Territorial Army Captain Carole Maychell, 34, who is facing secrets charges, has been freed from custody. She was moved to the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich, southeast London, two weeks ago after spending nearly four months in solitary confinement.

Air crash dead

The three people who died when a light aircraft crashed into a hill near Teignmouth, Devon, on Thursday were named as Peter and Patricia James, of Mary Tavy, Dartmoor, a retired publican and his wife, and Barry Paget, 68, from Carnon Downs, Truro.

Postal strike

A 24-hour postal workers' strike disrupted deliveries in Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath and Fife. It began when two post staff refused to perform work that they said had not been agreed by the union.

Fruity win

A black pudding flavoured with Bramley apples won the gold medal in the British section of the 31st International Black Pudding Competition in Normandy.

Air chief dies

Charles Stuart, former chairman of Brymon Airways, has died at his home in Devon, aged 64. He was credited with the airline shuttle concept.

Moving island

Satellite surveys have placed the island of Tristan De Cunha in the South Atlantic a mile to the southwest of its position on existing charts.

Blacks urged to be better fathers

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE first black chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality has called for young male Afro-Caribbeans to take a more responsible attitude towards fatherhood.

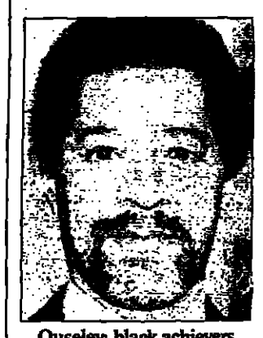
With figures showing that almost a quarter of families in the Afro-Caribbean community are headed by lone women, Herman Ouseley, who takes over as chairman of the commission later this month, said that absent fathers were an increasing cause of concern. "Among young people, male Afro-Caribbeans have been not as responsible as they should be in recognising the importance of being fathers to their children throughout their existence, from cradle right through to adulthood."

Twenty-three per cent of all Afro-Caribbean families are headed by a lone female parent, compared with 6 per cent of white families, 6 per cent of Indians, 9 per cent of Pakistanis and 16 per cent of Africans, according to a report by the Policy Studies Institute. The proportion among whites has risen from 3 per cent since 1982 and from 16 per cent among Afro-Caribbeans.

Mr Ouseley called for those members of the ethnic minority communities who had achieved success to provide more visible leadership to young people and to build relationships with those who were becoming part of an underclass.

"The important thing in the foreseeable future is to ensure that successful blacks are being projected as role models. They have a responsibility to help others who are looking for leadership and to put something back into the community," he said. It was no longer enough for sportsmen and television personalities to provide the only role models for young blacks and Asians.

Mr Ouseley, 48, was born in Georgetown, Guyana, came to Britain in 1957, aged 12, and was educated at a comprehensive school in south London before beginning a career in local government. He is currently chief executive of Lambeth council in south London.



Ouseley: black achievers should give a lead

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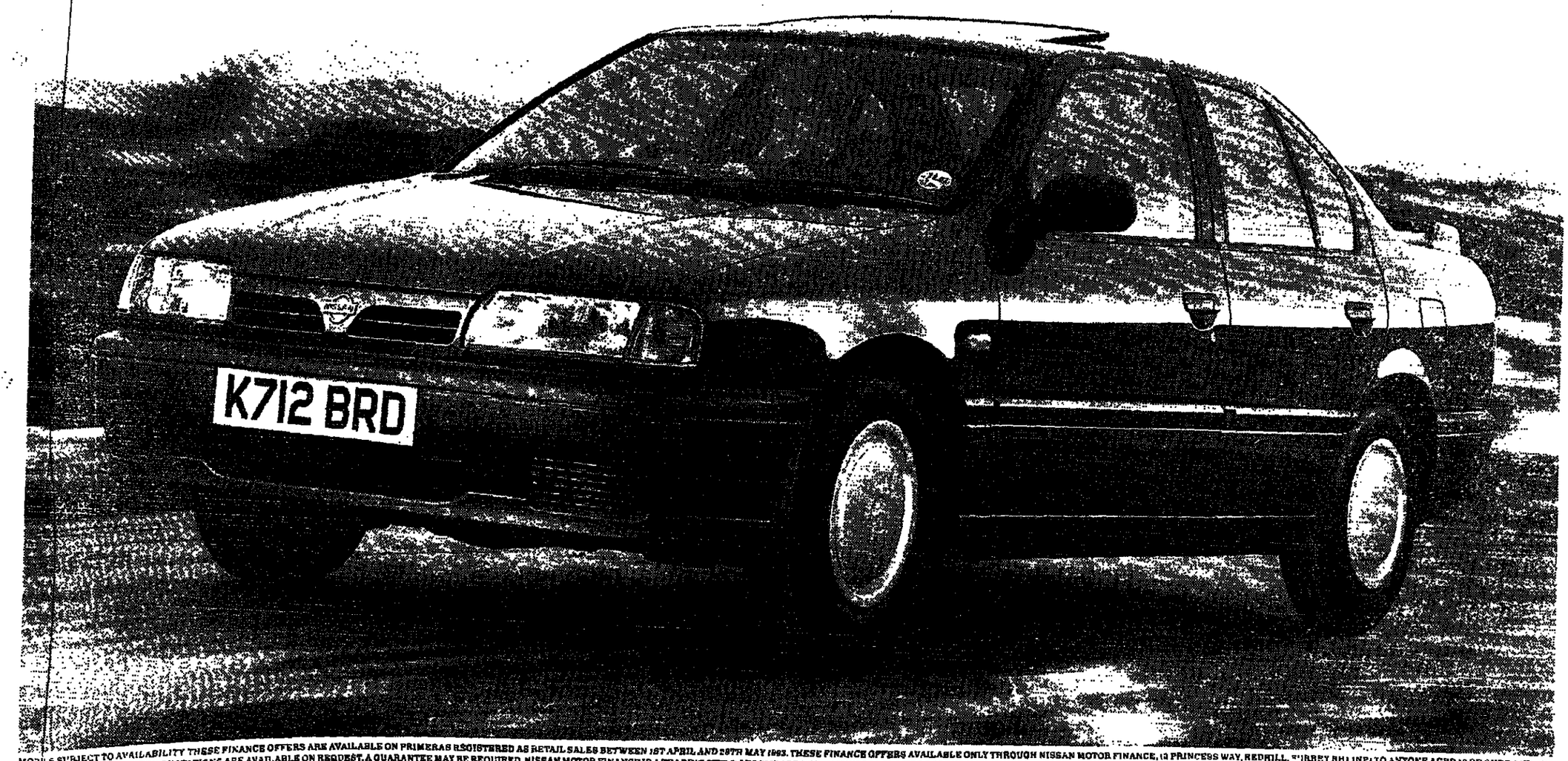
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One traumatic year after the IRA bombed the City, a bereaved family returns to lay a wreath

Memory of Baltic Exchange blast haunts victim's father

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE IRA bombing that destroyed the Baltic Exchange in the City of London a year ago today still haunts Danny Carter, whose 15-year-old daughter was one of three people killed in the attack. "The memory is with me all the time. It is videoed in my mind, step by step," he said yesterday.

Danielle Carter died and her younger sister Christiane, then 8, suffered terrible cuts to her face and chest from flying glass. Today, Mr Carter and his family will lay a wreath at the spot where Danielle died. It will be the first time that Christiane has been back.

The IRA's biggest mainland bomb exploded the night after the general election. Mr Carter, 44, was walking up from an underground car park after delivering a car to the offices where he works as a chauffeur. Wayne Lyphcott, his separated wife's boy friend, was waiting to pick him up outside the Baltic Exchange with Danielle, her boy friend Craig Wilks, 16, Christiane and her friend Sara Saddoo, 7, when the 100lb bomb exploded in a van.



Danielle Carter: died from force of blast

Mr Carter, of Laindon, Essex, said: "The shockwave from the blast blew me backwards. I ran through the dust and rubble, choking, hysterical, glass under my feet, debris still falling around me, a terrible smell of smoke, of burning. It was deadly quiet for a split second then I started hearing the sirens, the screaming, people shouting 'Help, help', me shouting 'Danielle, Danielle'.

"When I came through the dust, I glimpsed the car. I didn't recognise it — it was blown to bits. All I could think of was the kids and then I saw Christiane and the others smothered in blood. I shouted 'Danielle' and ran round the car and found her, lying half out of the car, face down in a pool of blood."

The force of the blast had forced Danielle's head against the side of the car, killing her instantly. At the time, her father thought that she was unconscious. It was six hours before he learnt that she was dead.

He remembered putting the younger girls into a taxi to take them to hospital. Later, he saw Christiane in hospital, covered in blood. Knowing that she was alive and with other members of the family, he started looking for Danielle, having been told by a doctor that she had an eye injury. He went to three hospitals trying to trace her.

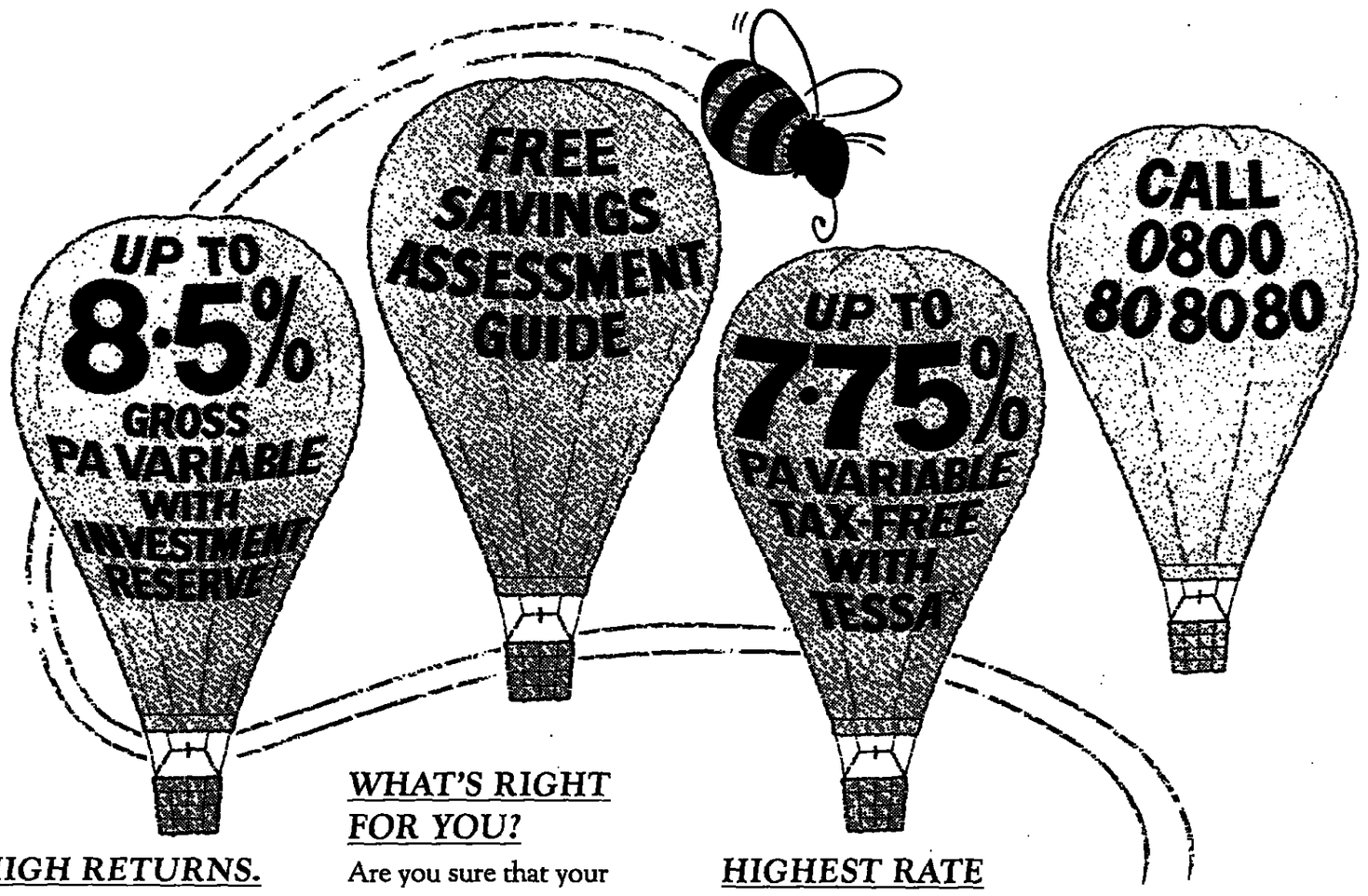
He sympathised with the families of Johnathan Ball and Tim Parry, killed by the Warrington bombing last month, but could not accept their hopes that their children would become symbols of peace. "I can't accept that Danielle should have been sacrificed. Every time a bomb goes off, every time someone gets hurt, I feel more anger, more bitterness," he said. "I lost my daughter, but they [the IRA] didn't stop and I don't see them stopping now."

He said that he could not understand how Gordon Wilson, whose daughter died in the Enniskillen massacre, could meet the IRA. "There is no way I could sit opposite those people — I would have to have a six-inch steel barrier between us and I would still try and get at them."



Aftermath: the Baltic Exchange building, destroyed by a 100lb bomb on the night after the general election

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Labour reaffirms commitment to a united Ireland

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR leaders yesterday reaffirmed their support for a united Ireland as the government attempted to capitalise on revulsion over the Warrington bombing and restart talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Kevin McNamara, Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, made clear in a BBC radio interview that his party remained committed to a united Ireland achieved with the consent of the majority in the north.

His remarks were a reminder that there are still deep differences of emphasis on the mainland about the shape of any constitutional settlement in the province.

Earlier this week, on a visit to Northern Ireland, John Major emphasised the government's underlying commitment to existing arrangements, saying that Northern Ireland would remain part of the United Kingdom as long as the majority of its people wanted it to.

Mr McNamara denied that Labour's stance would encourage the IRA in the belief that one more push in its campaign of violence would drive out British troops from the province.

"We are a constitutional party and there are also other constitutional parties which support the question of a united Ireland. We don't expect to see it happen tomorrow, but we do expect to work for it," he said.

Mr McNamara attacked hardline unionists, such as the Rev Ian Paisley, for refusing to treat with Dublin until it renounced its territorial claim over the north. "We don't expect that people should be able to put a veto on any attempts to seek to achieve that aim," he said.

He did, however, join with the government and the Liberal Democrats in ruling out negotiations with the IRA while it pursued its terrorist activities.

Mr McNamara welcomed the government's efforts to resume constitutional talks after May's councilelections in the province, but questioned the approac it was taking and the possibility that it might be trying to do a deal with the unionists to win votes in the Commons battle over the Maastricht treaty.

The last round of talks were made up of three strands: negotiations among the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland and the government over the internal administration of the north; negotiations between Dublin, the parties in Belfast and the government; and negotiations between London and Dublin. It was accepted that nothing would be agreed until all three strands had been resolved.

Mr McNamara said: "There has been a shift in the stance of the British government, which looks as though it might be concentrating on strand one, just a internal settlement within Northern Ireland."

And he added that it would be a "dangerous thing" if the government was shifting its ground for political reasons beyond Ireland.



McNamara: would welcome new talks

Dispute hits launch of Europol force

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THREE months after a European police intelligence unit should have started operations, British officials are to chair fresh talks to end wrangles over where it should be based, who should be in charge and how much it will cost.

Later this month, officials will meet in Copenhagen, under the chairmanship of a Home Office official, in an attempt to launch the unit with a drugs intelligence department. At the end of June, interior ministers from the EC will review progess at a meeting that Paul Condon, the commissioner of the Metropolitan police, has described as critical.

The idea for "Europol" was proposed several years ago by Chancellor Kohl of Germany. EC members agreed to begin by setting up a European drugs intelligence unit, which would be fed by national drugs units in each member state. Last autumn, a working group including two British officers began work on the unit in Strasbourg under the leadership of a German official.

It was planned to launch the drugs unit in January, but in November interior ministers spent a day fruitlessly trying to decide where the unit, and Europol, should be sited. The French suggested Strasbourg, the Italians put up Rome and the Dutch proposed The Hague.

No decisions were taken on the budgeting for the drugs unit, nor on how it would fit into international conventions on work against drugs trafficking.

A decision on the siting of Europol is now likely to be influenced by which country gets the European Bank; no single country will get both.

The planning team in Strasbourg is still at work, and although British officers acknowledge that there never was much chance the drugs unit would start up in January, they remain convinced that it will eventually.

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Itchy trigger fingers as city awaits King verdict

■ Official reassurances that rioting is not expected are belied by the militarisation of Los Angeles' streets while the jury in the Rodney King trial begins its deliberations

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

A MOOD of hysteria has settled on Los Angeles as it awaits a verdict in the second federal trial of four police officers accused of violating the civil rights of Rodney King when they beat the black motorist on March 3, 1991.

Nearly a year after the officers were acquitted of most charges in a state trial — a verdict which led to three days of rioting, arson and the death of more than 50 people — many people in the city are preparing for a renewed wave of violence. The legal arguments are now all but over, and the jury is expected to begin deliberations this weekend, providing the finale to an ugly drama that has lasted more than two years. Yesterday the city's fear and foreboding could be seen in many ways: the merchants of Koreatown arming themselves; the white cab driver who refuses to drive through South-Central Los Angeles; the open churches offering counsel to members of their congregations; the watchful expressions on the faces of the police, and the small huddles around television screens in every bar and hotel lobby.

Some television stations are broadcasting "Verdict Watches", while the mayor, Tom Bradley, and the police commissioner, Willie Williams, have appeared repeatedly on television to appeal for calm and reassure residents that the mistakes of last year will not be repeated — the effect of which has been to heighten the fear that, whatever the verdict, more violence is inevitable. The authorities may say they do not expect further riots, but their actions seem to suggest the opposite.

Commissioner Williams has promised that, as soon as the jury begins deliberations, about 6,500 uniformed officers who have undergone extra riot training and are now armed with rubber bullets and tear gas, will flood the streets in the biggest display of force in the city's history. The National Guard is on stand-by, its commanders bragging that within 24 hours troops could be at every crossroads in the city.

But at the city's notorious flashpoints — South-Central, Koreatown, Pico-Union and parts of Hollywood — some shopkeepers have started to board up their premises, while others have reportedly assembled their own arsenals for self-defence.

"The arming of Los Angeles is one of my major concerns," said Mr Williams in a television interview on Thursday night, referring to the huge quantity of arms and ammunition stolen in last year's riots and never recovered. Police say their main fear is that a chance incident could prompt bloodshed even without widescale rioting.

Closing arguments in the case started on Thursday and continued yesterday, as the two sides presented starkly different visions of the accused men: the officers were heroes and "sacrificial lambs foisted on the public altar to pay for [official] negligence" said Ira Salzman, lawyer for the most senior of the officers, Stacey Koon.

The government prosecutor, Steven Clymer, however, called the officers "uniformed street thugs," who had savagely beaten Mr King for being "disrespectful" and stopped only when he begged for mercy.

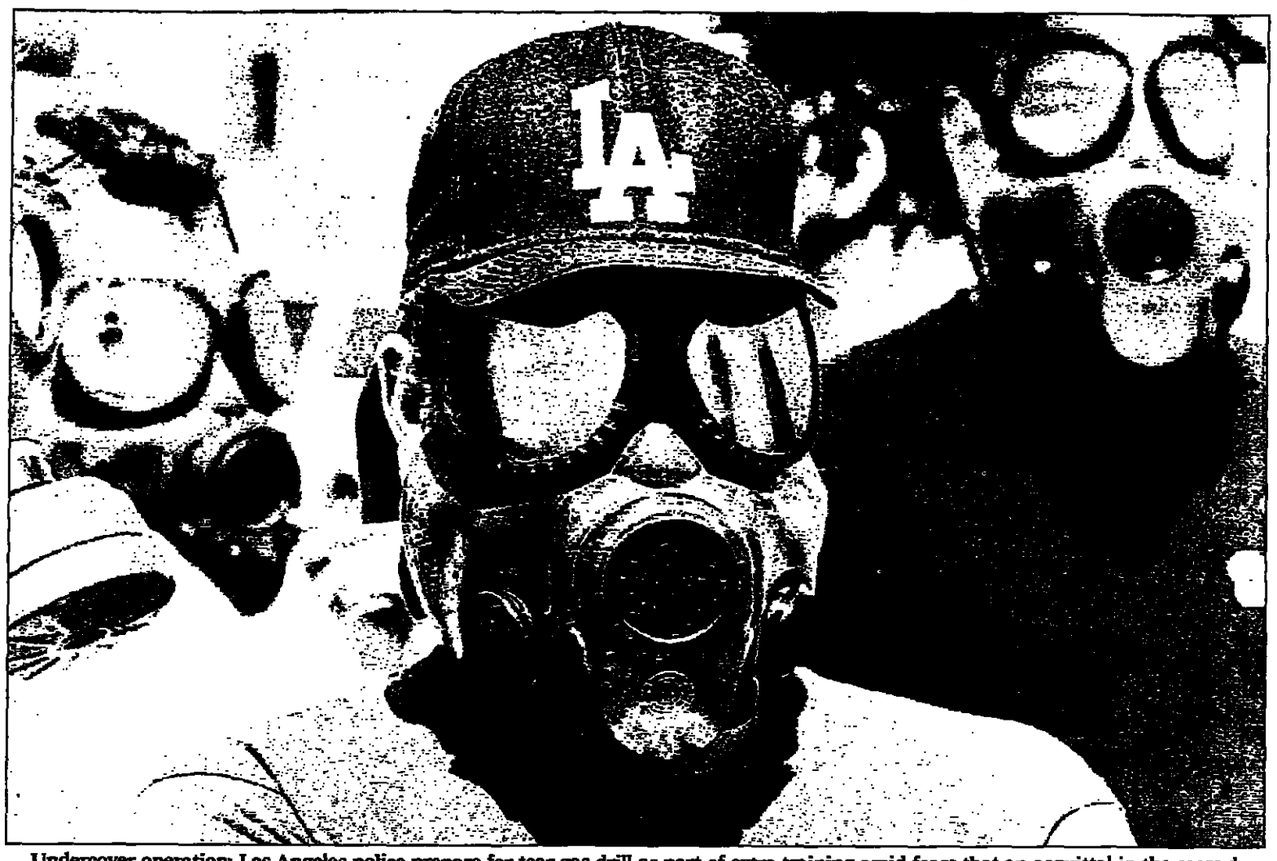
Mr Salzman said the federal trial was simply a public relations exercise on the part of the government. The prosecution, he said, was meant to prove to the city "everything is all right. Racism will disappear. There will be no police brutality."

But even if the four officers are finally found guilty, any hope the government may have had that a second trial would defuse racial tensions have proved unfounded. If anything, the six-week trial — and a second trial of three black men accused of beating a white truck driver, Reginald Denny, in the course of the riots — have merely added to the city's racial discontent. The Denny trial has now been postponed until July.

As the Easter weekend approached, many residents fled the city, and travel agents reported a wave of last-minute bookings. An Information and Rumour Control Centre has been set up, with a switchboard open 24 hours.

Many of the cities which saw disturbances last year are preparing for a possible repetition: in Seattle, where more than 200 people were arrested after last year's verdict, a law has been passed allowing people to be detained for up to 24 hours during civil unrest; in San Francisco, the mayor has appealed for calm.

"No Justice, No Peace" is the slogan of those who see the court case as a sham. It can be seen on placards outside the Los Angeles courthouse, and on baseball caps and T-shirts in South-Central. Many in Los Angeles believe turning that slogan into a battle cry would require just two words: "Not Guilty".



Undercover operation: Los Angeles police prepare for tear-gas drill as part of extra training amid fears that an acquittal in the second Rodney King trial could spark renewed rioting. The police commissioner says that 6,500 officers have received special training

Hopes for quick end to Waco siege fade

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HOPES that the interminable siege of Waco could end by Tuesday were dashed yesterday.

FBI agents had been led to believe by lawyers for David Koresh, the Branch Davidian cult leader, that he would lead more than 90 sect followers out of the barricaded compound after celebrating their version of Passover, which ends on Tuesday.

However, Steve Schneider, Mr Koresh's deputy, told agents by telephone that members had never promised to leave after Passover and were already planning their post-Passover festivities. "He is wondering why everyone is putting so much stock in them coming out next Tuesday," said an FBI agent.

In the war of nerves, the FBI continues to bombard the compound at night with arc lights and loud music to drive out the cult, while sect members taunt the FBI with a new banner hung from their watchtower. It says: "FBI, God sees your lies."

There were further recriminations over why the initial raid on February 28 was mismanaged and turned into a shootout in which four government agents and a still undetermined number of cult members were killed.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported that an undercover agent, who had been inside the compound, urged superiors to cancel the raid minutes before the shooting started, but the FBI would not confirm or deny the report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya hits out at UK as sanctions continue

Tunis: Britain bore the brunt of Libyan anger yesterday after the United Nations Security Council decided to continue sanctions imposed a year ago, over the refusal of the Tripoli regime to hand over two suspects in the Lockerbie bombing in 1988.

"All the British statements and actions spring from a hidden hatred and a historical racism," said a Libyan statement carried by the official news agency. It accused Britain of ingratitude over information Libya has provided on past links with the IRA.

Under UN resolutions, Libya must prove it has broken all links with international terrorism. The United States said it was consulting with its partners on additional sanctions, including a possible oil embargo. *(Reuter)*

Spy enquiry

New York: An American Jewish watchdog group is being investigated for allegedly running a nationwide spy ring to gather information on suspected anti-Semites, black nationalists and other political activists (James Bone writes). The Anti-Defamation League was named in court papers when police requested permission to search its Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

China warning

Hong Kong: Zhou Nan, China's top official in Hong Kong, said Peking would not set up a rival power in the colony, but added that the legislature would be dismantled in 1997 if Britain went ahead with plans to extend the franchise. *(Reuter)*

Blast kills 21

Delhi: At least 21 policemen were killed in a south Indian jungle when the bus in which they were tracking an alleged murderer and ivory poacher hit a landmine, near the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu states. *(Reuter)*

Burma visit

Rangoon: The husband and youngest son of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese dissident and Nobel peace prize-winner who is being held under house arrest, have arrived here to visit her, according to a local report. *(AFP)*

Cover version

Tokyo: The controversial musical *Oh! Calcutta!* has opened here with police waiting in the wings to ensure that Japan's strict obscenity laws are not contravened. *(AP)*

Cambodian peacekeeping

Japanese threaten to pull out their troops

BY JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JAPAN issued a warning yesterday that it might withdraw its troops from Cambodia if the Khmer Rouge mounts more attacks on UN personnel to disrupt next month's elections.

Toshio Nakayama, the defence minister, said in Tokyo: "If it becomes clear that a widespread armed disruption of the election is in force, we must of course think of an emergency evacuation or a halt in operations." Mr Nakayama's remarks came after gunmen in Cambodia killed an unarmed Japanese UN volunteer.

Anxious foreign volunteers, whose role is crucial in helping to organise the UN-supervised elections, appealed to the UN to provide them with more military security after the brutal murder of the Japanese electoral worker on Thursday. Japan asked for a security council meeting to discuss the bloodshed in Cambodia which resulted in the death of Nakata Atsuhito, 25, and his Cambodian interpreter in northern Kompong Thom province, scene of numerous ceasefire violations.

Mr Atsuhito had given up a good job to help a Geneva-based UN volunteer force which has 850 people here helping an electoral process that he hoped would bring peace to Cambodia, according to the Japanese embassy here. His killing, the second involving UN personnel in a week — three Bulgarian personnel were murdered last week — has sent a wave of fear through UN personnel here.

Last night the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) announced that, because of the "obvious danger" to its peacekeepers, all UN personnel using Cambodia's two main highways must travel in groups with an armed UN escort. A directive to all Untac members asked them to increase vigilance when travelling on national routes 5 and 6, which link the capital with the northwest of the country on both sides of the Tonle Sap lake.

Latest reports indicate Mr Atsuhito was battered, possibly with rifle butts, before being shot when being stopped on his way to a security conference of electoral officials in the Kompong Thom province capital. According to field sources, he identified the armed men who stopped his vehicle as Khmer Rouge before his radio went dead.

In the past, such a beating up before shooting was a typical Khmer Rouge way of dealing with "enemies," though the Khmer Rouge office in Phnom Penh has denied its group killed the election workers, blaming the murders on Vietnames aggressors. The government of Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, is backed by Hanoi.

It was revealed yesterday Mr Atsuhito had received an anonymous death threat three weeks ago, and that he and other electoral workers had asked the UN for a security detail, though they were alone when attacked. The UN is investigating the deaths.



Hun Sen: has support of Hanoi government



Mubarak: threatened by Islamic wave

Cairo rally denounces terrorists

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EGYPT'S hitherto silent majority, led by literary and show-business talent, has staged the biggest demonstration yet against the wave of Islamic terror aimed at overthrowing President Mubarak.

There was a carnival atmosphere, with women wearing lipstick instead of Islamic veils, as thousands thronged Cairo's main Tahrir Square to mark the reopening of the Wadi al-Nil coffee shop destroyed by an Islamic shrapnel bomb six weeks ago, killing two tourists and wounding eight others.

Belly-dancing music filled the air and the Arab world's most popular comedian, Adel Imam, chanted: "No to terrorism, down with the murderers of children, and long live free Egypt."

Kuwait celebrations will give Bush a taste of victory again

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

FOR two days next week, it will be as if George Bush had never left office. There will be a lavish 747, motorcades, welcoming VIPs, speeches, cheering crowds and a state banquet.

The celebrations will be Kuwait's way of saying thank you to Mr Bush for leading the Gulf war coalition. Kuwaitis are determined to turn the "personal" visit, starting on Tuesday, into a memorable tribute that will honour the former American president as a national hero for liberating them from Iraqi occupation.

The invitation from the emir, Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, was issued soon after the war. The plan was for Mr Bush to take up the offer during his second presidential term. After Mr Bush lost the election, the emir insisted he must still come as a private citizen.

The emir will send a 747 to collect Mr Bush from Houston. The plane will have been withdrawn from service with Kuwait Airlines in time for rapid alterations that will see the addition of a bedroom suite, formal dining room and an array of couches. Indeed, its standard of comforts may exceed those of Air Force One to which Mr Bush became accustomed as president.

Mr Bush and his wife Barbara will also have familiar company. The invitation has been extended to key members of the Bush administration, including James Baker, the former Secretary of State, John Sununu, a one-time White House chief of staff, and Marlin Fitzwater, who was Mr Bush's press secretary.

In Kuwait, they will be fêted everywhere. Thousands of Kuwaitis are expected to show the Americans their gratitude. Mr Bush will receive Kuwait's highest decoration, its equivalent of the Order of the Garter, and will be showered with gifts and honorary degrees.

He will speak to the National Assembly, elected last October. He will see reconstructed oilfields and visit a memorial to the Kuwaiti resistance, many of whom were killed by Iraqi troops. Mr Bush is still entitled to Secret Service protection and will have extra bodyguards while he is so close to the country run by his sworn enemy, President Saddam Hussein.



Bush: will receive high honours from emirate

There have been no objections from the new administration in Washington to Mr Bush's trip, but just in case there were any hard feelings the Kuwaitis have taken the precaution of inviting President Clinton to pay them a visit some time, too.

☐ **Peking:** Richard Nixon, who opened up American policy towards China two decades ago, yesterday met Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, in Peking.

The former US president, 80, arrived late on Thursday for a six-day visit that will include a tour of the prosperous southern China cities of Canton and Shenzhen as well as Shanghai and Hangzhou in the east. The former president was expected to meet other senior Chinese officials, but it was not known if he would see the senior leader Deng Xiaoping, who is officially retired.

Mr Nixon, viewed as an old friend of China, is a guest of the foreign ministry and has been put up at the Diaoyutai state guesthouse, although he is on a private visit. He last visited China in October 1989, when he urged the maintenance of Sino-US relations, five months after the suppression of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement. *(AFP)*

Phone company offers the devout a hot line to heaven

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

SPENDING the holiest time of the year in Jerusalem can be unsettling, even for the most devout as they vie for space and God's attention in the world's holy capital.

Even the hardiest of the thousands of Christians retracing Christ's steps along the Via Dolorosa yesterday to mark Good Friday must have emerged somewhat dismayed by the experience. Far from reaching a spiritual high, most pilgrims found themselves jostling their co-religionists along the narrow cobbled steets and fighting their way past the persistent Arab vendors peddling cheap olivewood carvings and dubious-looking miniature bottles of so-called "holy water" from the River Jordan.

For Jews converging on the city for Passover week things were not much better, as visitors competed for rooms in the city's overcrowded hotels and prayer space at the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

However, for the battered and disenchanted visitors help may be only a phone call away. In a move which could alleviate the practical obstacles for the modern pilgrim, without diminishing the spiritual benefits, Israel's national telephone company, Bezeq, claims technology may hold the answer.

In a pilot scheme launched earlier this year, Jews around the world are being encouraged to write out their prayers and fax them to the Wailing Wall (telephone number: 00-972-2-612-222) where they are folded and placed between the ancient foundation stones of the Second Temple, along with those put there by worshippers at the Wall.

According to Bezeq's director-general, Yitzhak Kaul, the response has been so positive, with 400 prayers faxed each week, that an even more innovative international prayer-line is being established next month for Christians. Beginning at Pentecost, Christians around the world will be able to make their prayers direct from the world's holiest city for the price of an international telephone call. Callers from the main denominations will be put through to a fellow Christian to commune in prayer.

Preliminary market research, based on successful prayer-lines in America, shows that the service could receive as many as 112,000 callers in the first month. Depending on the success of the latest enterprise, Israeli officials believe that Jerusalem's potential as a spiritual mailbox is unlimited.

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There are few destinations where the natural beauty is unsullied by commercialism, which have a strong local identity and an element of timelessness. We have been fortunate to find a place where these qualities have been preserved, hidden away in northern Portugal on the Douro, which has only recently become navigable to a variety of vessels, revealing magnificent scenery, picturesque riverine ports, quintas and wineries.

Each port of call offers the unexpected and unusual whether it is the finely decorated tiled murals of the station at Pinhao, or the church of Our Lady of Remedios at Lamego. We do not only find port wine either, there is the delightful vinho verde, and the rosé of Mateus. Throughout the region you will encounter Roman bridges, Romanesque cathedrals and castles. This is an area rich in traditional crafts - basket weaving, embroidery, flax and linen weaving and excellent cuisine.

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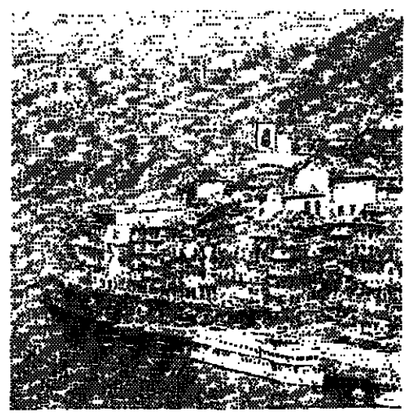
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Bonn takes hesitant step into battle to save face with Nato

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S constitutional court has saved Bonn's face. In a 5-3 vote in Karlsruhe — cast, it seems, in a purely pragmatic spirit — the judges have permitted German aircrews to participate in the radar surveillance needed to enforce a no-fly zone over Bosnia.

That represents a victory for Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, though perhaps only a temporary one. He can now shield Bonn from some of the heavy criticism from Washington about Germany's weak commitment to the Nato alliance. Volker Rühe, the defence minister, said yesterday the court did not set a broader constitutional precedent: it did not authorise the deployment of ground troops or the flying of combat missions. That should reassure the Bundeswehr — ill-prepared for out-of-area conflict missions — ordinary Germans who are wary of overseas adventures, and Germany's nervous neighbours in the east.

The fact is that Germany has not yet crossed the Rubicon. The court has not opened the way for a general projection of German military power abroad. It is a sure bet that the Germans will continue to agonise over every further military step. The Awacs decision, in particular, could backfire on Herr Kohl if the no-fly zone becomes a prelude for a limited aerial war against Serbian forces. The Awacs airborne radar planes will be required to identify targets and that is not a large step away from combat involvement. German public opinion could thus be swayed against the flying missions.

■ As the likelihood of a show of military force in Bosnia grows, the necessity for diplomatic bargaining between America, Western Europe and Russia is mounting

But the priority for the chancellor has been to stop the rapid erosion of the prestige of the German army within the Nato alliance. For 40 years the Bundeswehr was part of the Nato front line against the Warsaw Pact. Even though it had no nuclear weapons, it was regarded as one of the key armies of Europe. Since 1989 its position has slipped.

"Germany's weight in the alliance is shrinking from day to day," wrote Günther Gillessen, a military commentator, yesterday. "On current questions [in Nato] the voices of Denmark, Belgium, Holland and Italy are now counting for more than the German."

Had the constitutional court ruled against the Awacs decision, every mixed Nato mission involving Germans could have been compromised. The creation of integrated units — such as the German-French brigade — form a central plank in German political and defence thinking; they are a way of showing that Germans are committed to European rather than nationalist aims. This plank would have been destroyed by a negative decision at Karlsruhe.

The Free Democratic party — junior partner to the Christian Democrats in the coalition — will probably accept this decision after some breast-beating and will not choose to break up the coalition over the issue. To break ranks now and join with the Social Democratic opposition on such an issue would achieve little either on matters of principle or political advantage.

Policing the no-fly zone over Bosnia can now go ahead next week. For the time being a serious rift in the Western alliance over the issue has been averted. But a critical moment will arrive when the first Serbian (or for that matter Croatian) fighters are forced down, or when airfields are bombed.

Russian approval of the no-fly zone is very shaky. If Germans are seen to be involved in direct combat, that fragile consensus may well be shattered. The closer the West comes to a show of military strength, the more pressing will be the need for strenuous diplomatic bargaining between Western Europe, the United States and Russia.

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Kohl: vote shields him from Nato criticism

Russia ready to veto UN tightening of sanctions

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIA is threatening to use its veto in the United Nations Security Council for the first time since the end of the Cold War to block a resolution tightening UN sanctions on Yugoslavia.

Diplomats said last night that Yuli Vorontsov, Russia's UN ambassador, had warned key Western governments that Moscow might veto the resolution, if it were to be put to a vote on Monday as planned.

Moscow says it wants to allow more time for Vitali Churkin, President Yeltsin's special envoy to the Yugoslav peace talks, to pursue his peace effort with the Bosnian Serbs. Mr Churkin is due to travel from Belgrade to New York for talks this weekend aimed at amending the peace plan



Vorontsov: wants more time for peace talks

prepared by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen to make it more acceptable to the Serbs.

The proposed new sanctions would tighten the existing embargo on Yugoslavia, making it more stringent than even that imposed on Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait. The draft resolution would plug loopholes in the present embargo by banning all transshipment of goods through Yugoslavia to other countries, unless approved by the UN, and by stopping all traffic on the Danube river unless a monitor was placed on board. All shipping inside Yugoslavia's 12-mile territorial waters would be banned. The resolution would also authorise the seizure of any Yugoslav train, plane, ship or lorry suspected of breaking UN sanctions, and would freeze all Yugoslavia's assets abroad.

However, in a closed-door meeting of the security council on Thursday, Russia reserved its position on only two aspects of the new sanctions package: the paragraph allowing seizure of trains, planes and ships suspected of sanctions-busting, and the provision allowing Western navies to intercept vessels in Yugoslav territorial waters.

Western governments were angered by the Russian veto threat, because they have been holding detailed negotiations on the text of the proposed sanctions resolution and agreed to a week-long delay in voting because Russia promised to support the package on Monday.

Diplomats held out the hope that Moscow would only abstain if the security council were to vote on Monday — even though Moscow traditionally believes it should not abuse its special privileges as a permanent security council member by simply abstaining.

Mr Churkin was quoted by a Russian foreign ministry spokesman yesterday as saying that the proposed new UN sanctions against the Serb-led rump state would be "an untimely and harmful step" that could damage the search for peace.

The Bosnian Serbs suggested that Mr Churkin's endeavours could persuade them to sign a modified version of the Vance-Owen peace plan, which has been accepted by both the Bosnian Croats and the Muslim-led government.

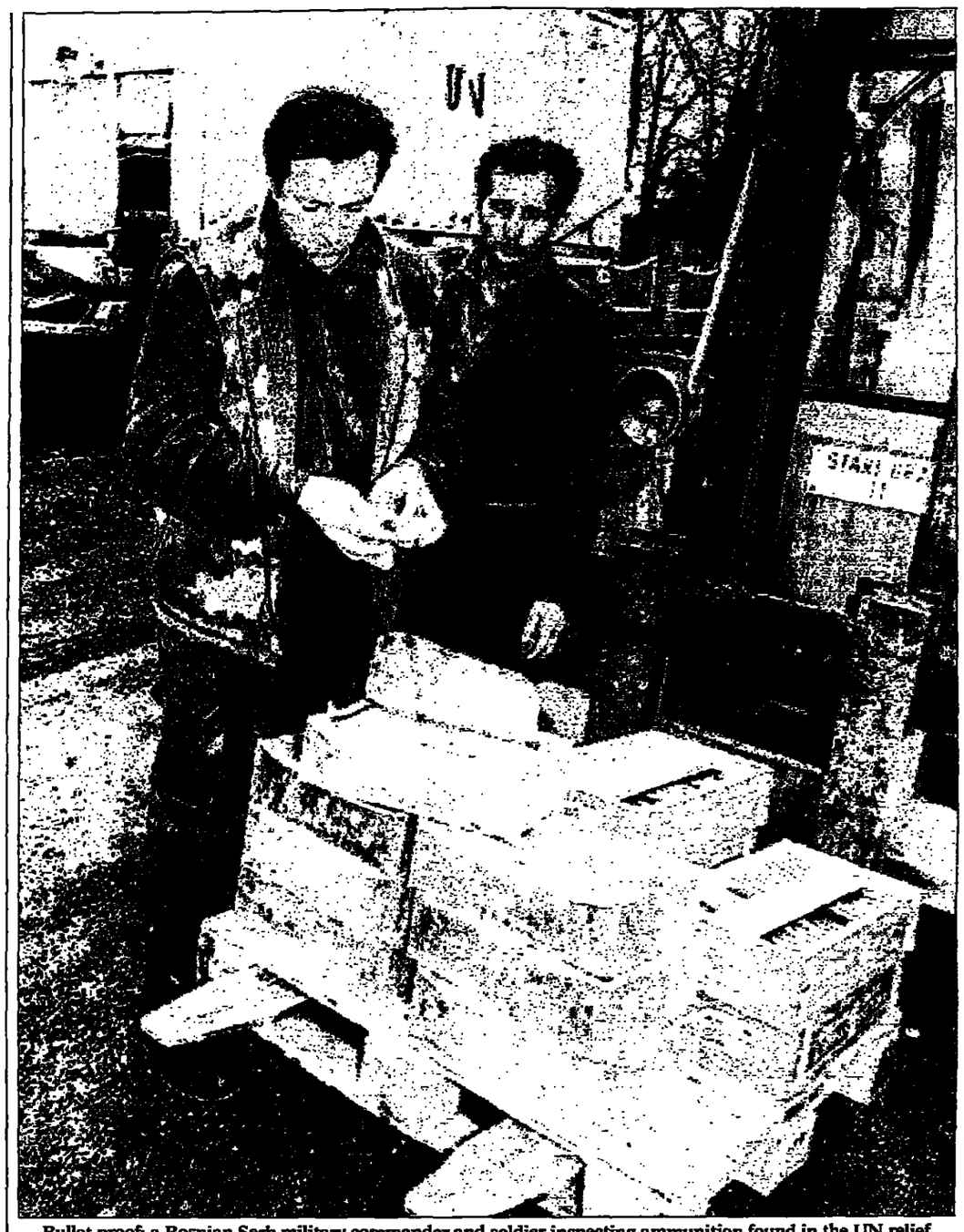
Nikola Koljevic, vice-president of the self-styled Bosnian Serb Republic, indicated that the proposals involved discussion on redrawing parts of maps intended in the plan to divide Bosnia into ten provinces along ethnic lines.

"The deputy Russian foreign minister came with very interesting proposals which would certainly improve the Vance-Owen plan," Mr Koljevic said in the Serb-held Bosnian town of Zvornik.

Lord Owen, the European Community's peace envoy, said yesterday the Western powers may have to use military force to bring peace to Bosnia-Herzegovina. He vowed to "sweat my guts out" in his pursuit of an end to the carnage in the former Yugoslav republic.

☐ **Belgrade:** The federal Yugoslav government last night devalued the dinar by 98.4 per cent. *(Reuter)*

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Bullet proof: a Bosnian Serb military commander and soldier inspecting ammunition found in the UN relief lorry behind them. Thousands of rounds of ammunition were discovered, bound for a Muslim area of Sarajevo

Morillon limelight irks French officers

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

SEVEN months after General Philippe Morillon took over United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina, senior French officers are unhappy about his emergence as a world celebrity and want him brought home immediately and replaced by a division commander who has already been designated for the job.

The general's future is likely to be brought up by François Léotard, the defence minister in the new Gaullist-led government, who travelled for his first visit to Bosnia yesterday. According to reports among the military over the past week and published in *Libération* yesterday, the chiefs of the general staff, commanded by Admiral Jacques Lanxade, began pressing for General Morillon's recall to his regimental headquarters in Metz as soon as the new conservative government took office on March 30.

His UN mission is open-ended and the general has no intention of returning. The main motive for the pressure cited by *Libération* was a dislike of the publicity the general has attracted from the stand he has taken over Srebrenica.

Other officers, however, are outspoken in their support of General Morillon, a one-time French Legion officer who gave up a senior staff job in Paris to return to active soldiering. Curiously, he has become more of a hero abroad than in his own country, where the media have given relatively modest coverage of his *beaux gestes* in Srebrenica and his battles with the UN bureaucracy.

General Pierre Mignot, who succeeded General Morillon as chief of staff of the First Army in Metz early last year, told *The Times* this week that he was proud of his colleague's bravery and generosity. If he had not been idolised in France, it was "partly because he is a modest, rather private man and he has not gone out of his way to court the media".

Bosnian dilemma puts American moralists on rack

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Washington is engaged in a debate of an intensity unseen since the Gulf war over what to do about the chaos in Bosnia. It is an argument pursued within and between departments, complicated by President Clinton's rash campaign rhetoric and fuelled by frustration at the helplessness of the world's sole superpower in the face of the "problem from hell".

Few in the administration believe sanctions will force the Serbs to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan. They know thousands of lives will be lost if they do no more, and that as many will be lost if they opt for military intervention. The anguish showed as one senior administration official put the case for more forceful action.

Yes, the official acknowledged, air strikes historically stiffen the resistance of the country bombed. Yes, they would curtail the humanitarian relief efforts that have kept so many Bosnian Muslims alive. And yes, they would be motivated in part by the "emotional gratification" of punishing the Serbs. But they might, just might, jolt Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, in a way that nothing else appears to.

"That's what my instinct tells me, but I just don't know," the source said. Arming the Bosnian Muslims would also end the relief operations, but then Bosnia's government had itself asked for guns over food.

"It's a horrible trade-off, but one we think worth making," said the official. Raise the price of Serbian aggression high enough and Mr Milosevic might begin to see advantages in signing the Vance-Owen plan.

This particular official views the conflict primarily through a moral prism, though the categories inevitably overlap. The moralists are for the most part Cold War doves who have metamorphosed into Gladstonian hawks and argue that, if America has the power to stop Balkan atrocities, it is morally compelled to use it.

"How can you stand by and watch a whole population being wiped out? Part of America's self-image comes from protecting those in dire need," said a member of Mr Clinton's inner circle.

Others argue quite simply that force is all the Serbs will understand, though the Pentagon's civilian and military sides disagree on that. Some political strategists want robust action because that is what Mr Clinton promised and they believe the credibility of his presidency and the Democratic party is at stake. The dividing line is between those — primarily at the State Department — who consider the restraints on US action insurmountable and those who do not.

Russia has historic ties to the Serbs and Mr Clinton's desire to relieve Bosnia is outweighed only by his refusal to undermine Boris Yeltsin. Britain and France insist that more forceful actions would not only curtail their relief efforts in Bosnia but kill the Vance-Owen plan.

"A counsel of despair," said one British official. "Profoundly misconceived," said another. It would be "the international community saying you can't resolve this by negotiation".

For now, those in the administration counselling caution have the upper hand. America has publicly floated the idea of lifting the arms embargo, but is not actively pressing it. Mr Clinton, determined not to let his emotions dictate policy, says through gritted teeth that America must play by UN rules, even when its views do not prevail. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has subtly changed tune, no longer portraying Bosnia as a moral outrage demanding US action but as a centuries-old tribal feud from which, by implication, America is prudent to keep its distance.

But events could swiftly upset this uneasy equilibrium. Mr Yeltsin may fail to win Russia's April 25 referendum, throwing all US foreign policy into disarray. More likely, the Vance-Owen plan may disintegrate and the Serbs continue to overrun Muslim enclaves. If that happened, said a senior British source, pressure would build on the administration and "it's hard to predict what these guys would do". America would probably exert maximum diplomatic pressure to at least lift the arms embargo but "I can offer no evidence whatever that there would be a change of line on our part".

In a revealing exchange this week, Mr Clinton agreed wholeheartedly with a reporter's suggestion that, if the allies continued to reject tougher measures and Belgrade withstood sanctions, the Serbian conquest of Bosnia would be irreversible.

"That is what I'm concerned about. That's about a good a statement as I could have made myself," the president declared.

Yeltsin shelves price reforms as referendum drive begins

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday launched his campaign for this month's referendum by cancelling recent petrol and rent rises, temporarily shelving price reforms in favour of populist measures to fight off the challenge from the conservative parliament.

At a meeting with the country's media chiefs, Mr Yeltsin said that the "world would shudder" if he lost the vote. His spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, also announced that Mr Yeltsin was now prepared to face early elections, a step he had previously resisted. A government commission under Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, is to be set up to monitor the referendum's preparation and running — an attempt to prevent parliament and the local soviets loyal to it from monopolising the organisation of the vote.

With the referendum taking on the character of a showdown, Mr Yeltsin is emphasising the vote of confidence in him and the call for early elections as the most important questions on the ballot sheet. The Congress of People's Deputies has insisted on the inclusion of a vote on the reforms, which is unlikely to yield a high rating, and the constitutional court is due to rule in the coming days on whether the failure to include a vote of confidence in congress, which Mr Yeltsin had requested, means the questions are weighted against the president.

But the Russian leader, bolstered by his success in co-opting President Clinton as an ally at the Vancouver summit and by a steady lead over his opponents in the opinion polls, now appears to have accepted even the slanted terms of the vote set by parliament and is throwing himself into the fight with characteristic energy. He is to visit the grimy industrial heartlands of Siberia next week and is intent on taking his case to the people.

Mr Yeltsin's arch-rival, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, responded by calling on people to vote against Mr Yeltsin and his economic policies and stepped up his already colourful insults against the democratic camp, comparing the government's radical reformers to Rasputin. Addressing deputies, he denied that the referendum was a battle between the forces of reform and conservatism, and said that parliament represented the only balancing force against "those who want to push ahead regardless ... even at the price of impoverishing the people".

☐ **Minsk pact:** The parliament in the former Soviet republic of Belorussia voted yesterday for a collective security pact with Russia, a move opposed by President Shushkevich and nationalist groups.

Deputies voted by an overwhelming majority for the pact as demonstrators against it ringed the building. Mr Shushkevich called for a referendum on the decision, saying parliament's vote threatened the emerging identity of Belorussia as an independent state.

Karabakh truce looks doomed

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday intervened in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict but efforts to arrange a ceasefire appeared doomed.

In a message to the presidents of rival Azerbaijan and Armenia, the Russian leader expressed alarm at the fighting and offered to mediate, his spokesman said in a statement.

Both the Transcaucasian nations denied any knowledge of a ceasefire due to begin yesterday, announced on Thursday by Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister.

The Azerbaijan defence ministry accused Armenian forces of shelling Fizuli, a strategically vital town south of the disputed enclave, and capturing a nearby village.

But there was no other indication as to whether either side was observing a truce, the latest in a long series of attempts to end the five-year-old conflict, which has killed more than 2,500 people.

Polish-Jewish relations

Auschwitz clash casts shadow

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

THIS Easter was supposed to mark a turning point in Polish-Jewish relations, from the Polish perspective. The 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising falls this month and a series of commemorative events has been planned. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, is among those scheduled to pay tribute to the ghetto uprising at a ceremony.

However, the flare-up of a five-year argument about the use and meaning of Auschwitz concentration camp threatens to disrupt the delicate relationship between Polish Catholics and the Jewish community. The World Jewish Congress is threatening to boycott the ceremony unless the Polish authorities immediately honour their promise to move Carmelite nuns from their convent next to the walls of the concentration camp.

Dr Marek Edelman, one of the few survivors of the uprising, has appealed to Jewish leaders to come to Warsaw. "Your presence will not only be symbolic — it will also be an expression of protest against present crimes, both against individuals and nations."

Jewish activists have been saying for the past five years that the small Carmelite convent — housing 30 nuns — is an offence to their religion, that it attempts to christianise what is in effect the world's largest Jewish graveyard. The Carmelites, backed by the Polish Church hierarchy, say they are praying for the souls of all Auschwitz victims, Jews, Christians and non-believers. After some hard bargaining — and some noisy demonstrations at the convent — it was agreed that a prayer complex would be built some distance from the camp. This would contain not only a new Carmelite convent, but also an ecumenical prayer centre. Yet the building has been slow and the nuns have still not moved. The Polish Church claims the shift is imminent, that it is merely a matter of moving with dignity and not under pressure; some Jewish leaders, however, are suspicious.

Underpinning the argument is the Jewish conviction that the Polish government is under the sway of Christian nationalists. This, they say, makes for an official insensitivity towards Jewish concerns and may even conceal a deeper anti-Semitism.

Jewish historians believe that anti-Semitic attitudes were widespread in Poland between the wars, and that this led to public indifference to Jews being murdered by the Nazis. Polish Catholics regard this as a one-sided interpretation of history. They emphasise that Poles helped protect Jews from the Nazis and gave assistance during the 1943 uprising. They were themselves victims of Nazi terror. Above all, Poles are hurt that they should somehow be judged on the same level as the Germans who, after all, set up the death camps.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Resignation deals blow to Warsaw

Warsaw: The sudden resignation of Gabriel Janowski, the Polish agriculture minister, has dealt a blow to the shaky coalition government. Mr Janowski quit after criticising cabinet colleagues for overruling him on farming policy.

Meanwhile, a Polish newspaper said the secret service had foiled an assassination plot against President Walesa. The report could not be confirmed. *(Reuter)*

Nuclear order

Moscow: President Yeltsin ordered tighter safety measures at nuclear installations after an explosion at the Siberian Tomsk-7 reprocessing plant was blamed by an official on human error. *(Reuter)*

Poles retaliate

Warsaw: Poland banned imports of European livestock and dairy produce after the EC introduced a ban on East Europe to help stop foot-and-mouth disease. *(Reuter)*

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González seeks to wrest his party from grip of scandal

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

■ Unless the Spanish Socialists can clean up their act, their days in power are numbered. The right is closing in for the kill

FELIPE González, the Spanish prime minister, yesterday met his number two, Alfonso Guerra, in an attempt to prevent their differences from splitting the ruling Socialist party.

After more than ten years in power, the faltering leader must today convince an emergency meeting of the ideologically divided executive committee of the party that immediate action is required before the courts rule on a party funding scandal, exposed 21 months ago. A general election is due by November and the Socialists will be defeated if Señor González resigns, and at best lose their majority if he stays.

It is now three weeks since the release of a damning report compiled for Marino Barbero, an investigating judge in Madrid, that accuses the Socialists of illegally obtaining nearly £6 million in party funds from 15 banks and companies through at least three dummy consultants. The Treasury was defrauded, and the report also hints at commissions for donations and government contracts being paid directly into the pockets of some politicians and senior aides. The scandal is known as the Filesa affair after one of the companies secretly established by two former Socialist party officials to finance the 1989 election campaign, thus bypassing restrictive legislation. Then the party won 175 of the 350 seats in the congress, the lower house of the Cortes.

Exhilarated by the right's triumph in the French elections, José María Aznar, the leader of Partido Popular, the conservative opposition which has 107 seats, is moving in for the kill as opinion polls show the two parties are neck and neck, each with about 33 per cent of the vote.

The main protagonists in today's showdown in Madrid at the Socialists' new headquarters — paid for, the investigators claim, by illegal contributions — will be Señor González, his old friend from Seville, Alfonso Guerra, 52, his party deputy, and José María "Txiki" Benegas, 45, who is in charge of Socialist party organisation.

On March 25, three days after the Filesa report was published, Señor González was jeered by law students at Madrid's Autonomous University. He was stung by their shouts of "Thief! Scoundrel! Resign! Tell us about Filesa!" He indicated he would resign if proved responsible.

But Señor González has used this last-ditch tactic before. He resigned from his party in May 1979 when he demanded that the party should drop Marx. He won, and four months later he was back in charge and since then his brand of politics has been pragmatic right. But his former closest lieutenant, Señor Guerra, has stayed on the left and the party is now split between Guerristas and Renovators. Señor Guerra claims the party "is not implicated in this (Filesa) case". But three years ago he said the same about himself to an unbelieving Cortes, claiming he did not know that Juan Guerra, his brother, had become a millionaire by influence-peddling in Seville from an office provided by Alfonso.

Now another of his party employees, Aida Alvarez, is under investigation for living above her means after negotiating secret deals for the Socialists. The man who allegedly sanctioned the illegal funding is Señor Benegas, leader of the Basque Socialists, who most Renovators think should be dismissed or suspended with Señor Guerra before the party loses all credibility.

The executive hopes Señor González will offer a compromise today. A temporary campaign committee and early elections are possibilities if Señor González can offer the fillip of a cut in interest rates.



SALLY SOAMES

Under strain: Felipe González is viewing the prospect of his party being rejected by the voters after revelations of corruption. He also faces the task of uniting the Socialists' own ranks, split by ideological arguments

Andreotti attacked for standing aside in anti-Mafia battle

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

CLAUDIO Martelli, the former Italian justice minister, claimed in a magazine interview yesterday that Giulio Andreotti had not always been a wholehearted supporter of the fight against the Mafia.

"Like many politicians, Christian Democrats and others, he long underestimated the Mafia and accepted a peaceful coexistence with it," Signor Martelli told *L'Espresso*. "When a vigorous battle became inevitable, he accepted that."

Last month Palermo magistrates reported that a number of supergrasses had claimed that Signor Andreotti, the former prime minister, was in contact with the Mafia via the murdered Euro-MP, Salvatore Lima. Signor Andreotti has said the allegations are the Mafia's vendetta for the tough measures he adopted in the fight against it. He has also defended the reputation of Signor Lima, the head of Signor Andreotti's political faction in Sicily.



Martelli: says Mafia was underestimated

Signor Martelli said Giovanni Falcone, the anti-Mafia investigator, had told him that Signor Lima was in contact with several leading Mafia bosses whose careers were eclipsed by the rise of the Corleonesi crime family. Signor Andreotti has claimed that Falcone, who was killed by a Mafia car bomb last year, had reassured him that there was no truth to such rumours.

Signor Martelli denied that Signor Andreotti was the main instigator of the crackdown on Cosa Nostra when he was prime minister. "It would be going too far to say that his role was that of stimulating and encouraging. He did not impede us," he said. He described Signor Andreotti as "a great chameleon".

"In the past, Andreotti made use of the far right and then threw it overboard. He did the same thing with the secret services. Some people say he made use of P2 [the outlawed Masonic lodge] and then jettisoned it. I would not rule out the possibility that he first accepted to coexist with the Mafia, through Lima, and then at the peak of his career agreed that it should be tackled energetically."

Signor Andreotti said he was astonished by Signor Martelli's allegations and claimed the toughest anti-Mafia measures had been introduced by his government before Signor Martelli became justice minister.

□ **Second act:** Carlo Fontana, the head of La Scala, was reinstated at the renowned Milan opera house yesterday. Italy's Northern League, the new power in Milan, protested that the move amounted to gross political interference by the Socialists who had run the city for decades. *(Reuter)*

Czech chauvinists gain the whip hand

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

A pagan fertility rite in which women are whipped to submission by men has been spotlighted by women's rights groups in Prague researching violence in the home.

The popular custom, practised on Easter Mondays since the 14th century, gives licence to males throughout the Czech republic to whip female relatives and friends with plaited switches up to 3ft long. In Slovakia and parts of Moravia, women are ceremonially cleansed by being dunked in rivers, ponds or baths.

Nowadays the ritual is mainly carried out in the privacy of the home, but public lashings still occur in some villages. Before feasting on hot cross buns, "Judas cakes" and nettle-and-bacon pudding, men armed with whips and donning gaily coloured ribbons parade the streets rattling wooden instruments as a warning for women to take cover.

An unwhipped and unsoaked woman is considered impure and destined to age prematurely, and the ceremony is completed when the women give the men decorated hen's eggs in gratitude for assured lasting youth and beauty imparted by the sap from the freshly cut willow. The eggs are often substituted by shots of alcohol — and the women later get their own back by giving the men an ardour-cooling shower.

Perhaps fearing the sexual overtones of such beatings, the Catholic Church tried to eradicate the tradition early in the century, but under the Communists it was encouraged as part of anti-church moves. Laura Busheikin, of Prague's Gender Studies Centre, said she was concerned about the tradition in the light of increasing reports of domestic violence in Czech society, where alcoholism and unemployment are high.

"The symbolism is clear: man beats woman until she gives him her egg. The men are asserting control of the reproductive system," Ms Busheikin said. "Apart from humiliation, the sticks actually hurt; these are not little love taps, they are actual swipes."

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Kate Muir in New York



■ Averting their eyes in a city with no sky, people find themselves averting their feelings too

Dark times have come to Manhattan. For once, the place has honed its cynicism and black humour too finely. The inhabitants are calloused by daily existence. Their eyes have been averted from horror for so long that their necks and jokes are weirdly twisted. Empathy has withered.

Some recent events suggest that New York is more wicked and insouciant than previously suspected. The first was in a local magazine: "Get your red-hot WTC souvenirs!" WTC, it emerged, was the World Trade Center. A group of businessmen was gathering rubble from the terrorist bombing which killed six people, and selling chunks of cement and metal as souvenirs. The project was called World Piece. "Rather than consign this rubble to a landfill, we plan to package and market pieces of the World Trade Center," said the entrepreneur, adding that some of the proceeds would go towards helping the victims. The "product" would be available by mid-April. "In a city of enterprise, it had to happen," chortled the magazine.

I could have passed that off as a noxious story of little importance, but for the headline in *The New York Times* the day after. "Trade Center blast providing economic lift, experts find", it said. "Economists ... estimated that the economic activity generated by the terrorist attack would bring more than $200 million into the regional economy." Most of the reconstruction is financed from outside New York, bringing much-needed jobs.

Marvellous. When faced with unemployment, call in the terrorists. Even that lapse into bad taste might have been excused. In a hardboiled city, the papers feel a need to out-swagger their readers. Surely the ordinary New Yorker — the man on the Brooklyn D-Train, the executive woman fast-walking in Reeboks on Fifth Avenue — surely they were not so blackhearted?

But then I went to the gym — for absolution. The lunchtime crowd, sorry for what they did last night with lobster ravioli and Key Lime pie, donned the sackcloth of Lycra.

Penance began. The room hummed with the self-satisfied sound that only self-flagellation can bring. A squat man in a faded T-shirt ran nowhere fast. He should have been warned by the tortured word Treadmill, the S & M sounding StairMaster. He should have wondered where the medieval rack was.

The banker's shorts were too tiny and too tight, but nothing would lead you to suspect that one second he would be jogging sweatily and the next he would belly-flop dead. When the 190 lb of him — someone saw him punch his weight into the machine for a calorie count — hit the rubber track, it kept rolling, and delivered him, rather like an airport suitcase, at the end.

Naturally, there was some consternation among the joggers on adjoining Treadmills, thinking that he had fainted. They crowded around him until a staff member arrived, took one look at the banker's pasty skin and steady stare and forbade anyone to touch him. Presumably first aid was precluded in case his relatives sued the gym.

A stretcher arrived. "So check in his locker for who he's insured with," griped one of the bearers. Meanwhile, those whith schedules kept on stepping, their interest piqued like a crowd at a messy bullfight. They discussed the chances of the health club refunding the banker's part-used $600 yearly subscription. Those with Walkmans had failed to hear the potatosack thud behind them, and kept right on cycling. Within ten minutes, someone was using the dead man's Treadmill.

Clearly, the clientele of this gymnasium would assume the Good Samaritan was a new restaurant.

> Within ten minutes, someone was on the dead man's Treadmill

Some indifference is understandable. We all develop this blank, unseeing look, because direct eye-contact in the street often results in harassment. There are so many crazy people around that smiling is not worth the risk. And if we stopped to give every homeless person a dollar, then walking even a few blocks would end in poverty.

But from the reaction to the Trade Center bombing and the strange apathy in the gym, it seems that something more than ordinary self-protective behaviour is afoot.

Perhaps with time, skin just thickens. Sometimes living here among so many people, half of whom have an antipathy to sleep, is like being trapped in a crowded lift, bodies squelched against you, staring into someone volcanic pores, breathing another's breath. Non-communication is the only way to remain alone and sane. Open your mouth and untold webs of horror will draw you in. Safer to keep moving.

And then I came across an essay by Gertrude Stein, explaining America to the French. "I used to tell them there is no sky over there, there is only air when you look up at the tall buildings at the time I left America the Flatiron was the tallest one ... well anyway, I always explained America by this thing, this lack of passion they call repression and gangsters, and savagery ... and everybody not thinking because they had to drink and keep moving, in Europe when they drink they sit still but not in America and that is because there is no sky, there is no lid on top of them."

Alexander Chancellor is on holiday.

As Easter approaches, two writers consider the place of faith in a scientific world

Religious thinking does not produce knowledge

Science and religion are basically incompatible, though not necessarily in opposition. Science tries to understand how the world works and is constantly tested against reality. Theories that are inconsistent or at odds with experiment must be rejected. By contrast, religion is largely based on unquestioning certainties. One can discuss with Catholic theologians what it means for God to be in neither time nor space, but one cannot show that God does not exist.

There are those who would claim that there is evidence for the existence of God in both historical records and the special nature of religious experience. As the philosopher A.N. Whitehead put it, "The dogmas of religion are attempts to formulate in precise terms the truths described in the religious experience of mankind. In exactly the same way, the dogmas of physical science are attempts to formulate in precise terms the truths discovered by the sense perceptions of mankind." But this view is quite misleading. Why, for example, should religious experience have a special validity and imply the existence of entities not accessible by any other means? However intense and remarkable a religious experience may be, it cannot be granted special privileges, any more than dreams can or should. There is nothing in religious experience that is, in principle, incompatible with science.

What about miracles? There is little to say that has not been said by the philosopher David Hume, who countered such arguments: no testimony is sufficient to establish a miracle, unless the testimony be of such a kind that its falsehood would be more miraculous than the phenomenon that it endeavours to establish.

It cannot properly be argued that to believe that miracles cannot happen is as much an act of faith as to believe that they can. The very nature of miracles is that they confound scientific understanding. But unlike science, miracles are not open to examination, and like so-called paranormal events, the evidence for miracles, heaven, hell, or any sort of afterlife is simply not sustainable within a scientific view of the world. There is no evidence. Those who believe that religion and science are compatible have to believe in things demonstrably unscientific. To cite Hume again, "Our most holy religion is founded on Faith, not reason". For Hume, religion simply postulated unknown causes to explain complex events. We also have to recognise that the Scriptures are in direct conflict with science, as Galileo found to his cost. We are more closely related to apes than the Scriptures would like, and women did not have their origin in Adam's rib.

But scientists themselves do have problems. However successful their theories may be, there will always be an irreducible set of laws, or fundamental particles which must be taken as given, without any cause. There must come a point at which there is no cause, no explanation: the origin of the universe must ultimately be inexplicable and something must be taken as an unquestioned starting point. Science can never provide the answers to everything: even when there is a unified theory that might explain almost everything, there must always be something — the justification for the theory, the basic postulates — that remains unexplained, unaccounted for, and scientists must accept this. They just have to live with it, painful or not. Worse still, there are whole areas of life where science has nothing to say, although Tolstoy perhaps went too far when he claimed that "Science is meaningless because it gives no answer to our question, the only important question for us, 'what shall we do and how shall we be?'" Yet Tolstoy was correct in that science cannot provide a basis for our morality or laws. For some, morality can be based only on religion, but for others, like me, this is not necessary.

Scientists, or anyone else, without religion, have to face a world in which there is no real purpose, no meaning to torment and joy, and accept that when we are dead we vanish, that there is no afterlife. So it is not at all surprising that many scientists today are deeply religious — apparently more physicists than biologists. Many of the greatest scientists say they have had no difficulty in reconciling religion and science. Newton even saw himself as God's prophet, and spent innumerable hours showing how the secrets of nature were hidden in the Bible. Michael Faraday's scientific creativity was intimately involved with his Christian beliefs. He was a member of a small Sandemanian sect who believed in the literal interpretation of the Bible. And while there is some ambiguity in Einstein's attitude to religion, he did write "A legitimate conflict between science and religion cannot exist. Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." What he is saying is perhaps similar to what Tolstoy had in mind.

How, if religion and science are incompatible in the sense I have described, can one account for the beliefs of such scientists? My only explanation is that doing science and religious feelings involve such different modes of thought that they can coexist. The incompatibility need never confront scientists in their daily work. Religion is a natural mode of thought found in all societies, while science is an unnatural mode of thought that arose only once, in ancient Greece. Faith and reason can live side by side provided one does not try to reconcile them.

It is a widely held and mistaken view that science is responsible for the decline in religious belief. There is very little evidence to support such a view, and the reasons for the weakening of the authority of the Church are much more complex. But there is one piece of evidence which I find striking. In the United States, where science is much more part of the culture than in this country, more than 90 per cent of the population is religious. This alone should counter the absurd claim by our present education minister that science has impoverished our spiritual values.

There will always be religion, and I hope there will always be science. Science is much more fragile. It requires free and critical discussion in order to survive. To reject science because one does not like what it tells us is to choose dogma and ignorance. But religion, relying as it does on dogma, does not have such problems.

LEWIS WOLPERT

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A detail from Raphael's Transfiguration: is it rational to believe in miracles?

Nature and science are revelations of God

People still commonly suppose that God works by a kind of magic, and that if mortals are capable of explaining the mechanics of the Universe then the whole concept of divinity is rendered unnecessary.

But the creation myths of the Old Testament actually describe a God who operates through observable laws and through the unfolding of human events. Men and women are called to participate with him in the progressive development of the planet he has made as their provisional home. They are invited to explore the nature of the creation, in a process called science.

Within the creation, the divine truths are sometimes expressed by miraculous dispensations — of which the Incarnation, the presence of God as an historical person, is the chief — yet the normal condition of things is predictable and ordered. God is not arbitrary; his dealings with men are made within a relationship, a Covenant, not by magical effusions.

This Judaeo-Christian view of the world was in some contrast to, for example, Greek religion. The Greeks believed the gods capricious in their involvement with the physical world and in the affairs of men; their will was discovered by drug-crazed oracles at Delphi or the rustling of leaves at Dodona. In Christianity, as successor to the Jewish original, the divine laws can be discovered through nature and reason, and through revelation. The mechanics of the Universe are ultimately capable of explanation, even if they seem, still, some way from actually being explained.

Thus Christians have always emphasised education and the pursuit of knowledge. The foundations of modern science, indeed, were laid in the Christian universities of the 18th and 19th centuries. The Judaeo-Christian God was also first known through history; he was known, that is to say, not by magical forces but in real episodes of the human drama. He was known through a people, in their trauma of slavery and redemption, with their folk-wandering and their territorial ambitions, and their gradual discovery of religious values in the nomadic circumstances of life in the stark clarity of the desert. Modern people, again, find difficulty with this particularisation of the divine — that God delivered himself to a particular people in real historical sequences.

The modern intelligence prefers the general to the particular when it comes to grand explanations of reality, but the way of God expresses the truth that the universal may only be known about through smaller embodiments of itself. It was not the supposed conflict of science and religion in the 19th century that prompted intellectual doubt about the veracity of religious phenomena: it was anthropological discoveries (with consequent cultural relativism) and the development of historical method, which jointly showed the Jewish experience not to be unique. They were a nomadic people just like other nomadic peoples; their God seemed little more than the attribution of a marginalised tribe in search of significance. The Scriptures seemed to have been undermined.

How do things stand now, at the end of the 20th century? Large parts of the science and religion debate of the past rested on false premises, and that problem persists. Sceptical scientists regard religion as a matter of individual feelings and emotion, and perhaps as a dimension of aesthetic sensation. Many contemporary Christians, alas, are prepared to agree with them. But Christianity is not a religion that depends for its authority or authenticity upon individual experience: it is objectively true, to which its sacramental structure bears testimony. It has a reality outside the emotional requirements of its adherents, precisely because it calls them to be attentive to a God whose will is delivered to a continuing tradition of believers.

God made a real creation, with real laws of operation and mechanics, human and physical, which disclose his nature. God became man, the universal was particularised. Christianity is the religion of the discovery and advancement of this truth. And it is contemporary science, paradoxically, that is enmeshed with human emotions. For its very methods necessarily furnish neutral data, yet the human operatives are constantly seeking to employ science for human purposes — and that involves value-judgments and priorities which are essentially in the area of human desires and thus human emotions.

The intellectual scepticism of the modern world is not, as some would like to suppose, derived from irrefutable scientific facts. It is, on the contrary, a very human response to a complicated array of circumstances. The beginning is humanism itself, the value now placed on the welfare and entitlements of individuals. How can a God exist, many ask, who allows fearful diseases and dreadful catastrophes? Now that is not a scientific question but a moral one. Mass education plays some part in the growing disinclination to trust traditional religion. This is not because people are really any more enlightened, but because of their need to imagine that in taking up the packaged explanations of the accessible pundits, they are thinking for themselves.

The trouble with our society is that we expect people to act reasonably. We are optimistic about the human capacity to contrive, if not paradise, a kind of resting place for mankind upon the planet. Men of science encourage the idea. Christianity, on the other hand, points to the unpleasing facts of human nature: men and women stand in need of personal redemption. The fishermen of Galilee were not called from their nets in order to discuss the need for enhanced levels of human comfort, but to become the followers of Christ.

EDWARD NORMAN

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Second thoughts

THE anniversary of John Major's famous election victory may have gone uncelebrated, but it will not go unmarked. Armed with a further 12 months of material, author and political commentator Bruce Anderson has been commissioned to update his tome, *John Major: The Making of a Prime Minister*.

Publisher Fourth Estate has asked for the update to be completed in time for the Tory party conference, when the Anderson oeuvre can fight it out in the foyers with the Thatcher memoirs, and Lord Lawson in paperback.

Major will find that unlike the original edition, which was very flattering, some of the new contents are uncomfortable reading. "It was the worst first year of any government in the last century," says Anderson.

But there will be a happy ending. The book will conclude that the government's problems will end with an upturn in the economy and with Major winning the next election.

But no such ending is foreseen by Nesta Wyn Ellis, Major's most glamorous biographer. Toying with the idea of writing a book called *The Road to Ruin* to describe Major's first two years in office, Wyn Ellis cannot even bring herself to read her original biography, *John Major*, which cast the prime minister in the role of a Mills & Boon hero.

"He is the worst prime minister we have ever had," says Ellis who has just finished a novel, *Affairs of State*, set in 1996, which has the prime minister — but not John Major — as its hero. "He is a footnote in the book, having been toppled in 1993." Ah, the biographer spurned ...

● *True to his word there were no celebrations to mark yesterday's anniversary in the Major household. The prime minister spent a quiet day at Chequers before travelling to Huntingdon last night for a quiet weekend with the family. But some of his cabinet colleagues are having a jollier time — Michael Howard in Venice, Norman Lamont in Yorkshire, and Sir Norman Fowler in the United States. Which left Tony Newton with the short straw — publicly defending the government's first 12 months in office.*

DIARY

Capp still fits

ONE OF the last bastions of male domination, the working men's club, has refused to call time on its Andy Capp image by accepting women members. Reformers, including Labour spokesperson on women, Mo Mowlam, had expected to overturn the men-only rule. But despite support for a change from the GMB, the union of Labour leader John Smith, the Club and Institute Union defied calls for new rules in a vote at its conference in Blackpool this week.



The 3,500-strong network of clubs, which was formed 131 years ago, has been the subject of at least 2,000 complaints to the Equal Opportunities Commission. The clubs were formed by Rev Henry Solly to try to encourage temperance among men.

Even if the pressure for change succeeds few of Labour's leading ladies are likely to be first in the queue for a membership card.

Hong Kong fooey

A YEAR after his fateful appearance on the steps of Bath town hall, Chris Patten was in front of the TV cameras again. Which was curious as he was the star turn on the radio programme, *Any Questions?*, broadcast last night from Kingston University.

Patten's presence was secured by the programme's presenter, Jonathan Dimbleby, who just happens to be a close friend of the Hong Kong governor. The presence of the cameras was also Dimbleby's doing. The footage will be included in a film Dimbleby is making for the BBC about the last years of British rule in Hong Kong, provisionally titled *The Last Governor*, which will be screened in 1997, once the colony has passed back to the Chinese.

Since starting work on the film last year, Dimbleby has been to Hong Kong several times. "I flew out with him when he first went there, and I will be filming him when he takes off for the last time." But he prefers not to speculate about Patten's prospects in Hong Kong. "I have known him through the poll tax and the general election. He is used to difficult times."

Name dropping

RECONCILIATION or not, John Major will be pleased to hear that Margaret Thatcher's star is finally waning — at least according to *The Economist*. The magazine says the number of newspaper stories containing the word "Thatcher" has fallen to the lowest level since she left Downing Street in November 1990.

Her score dropped sharply, of course, when she left No 10, after an impressive 5,634 mentions in the last quarter of 1990. But it then held up remarkably, at just under the 2,000 right through until the end of last year.

Alas for Thatcherites. The first quarter of 1993 recorded the lowest tally yet, with 1,275 "Thatchers" printed in Britain's quality newspapers. But Labour's fallen hero has dropped even further. In the same period there were only 260 "Kinnocks".



Easter duck

It will be a muted Easter at the Bishop's Lodge in Liverpool. The Right Reverend David Sheppard, who played cricket for England 22 times and captained the team on more than one occasion, has belatedly fallen foul of the selectors.

The Bishop has been left out of an MCC painting by Andrew Festing of 14 famous England players from the 1940s and '50s. He is maintaining a commendably Gower-like reserve on the whims of the selectors, but he must be a disappointed man. Denis Compton and Fred Trueman both got the call up.

Embattled again

GERMANY'S decision to send troops to Bosnia, its first military action abroad since 1945, will bring mixed feelings in the former Yugoslavia. Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who fought with allied forces and the Yugoslav partisans against the Germans in the second world war, remembers it as a "particularly terrible time". Nonetheless he always felt "confident the allies would win. The partisan resistance was very effective. The Yugoslavs are very good fighters."

He says: "When the Germans went in, in 1941, they bombed Belgrade." This caused lasting scars, he says, recalling how Croats, unlike the Serbs, welcomed the Germans. Fifty years on, they may find little has changed.

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LEGACY OF WAR

Germany must explore the sensitivities about its military role

Germany's position within Nato has been eroded since unification. No longer a frontline state or the centrestone of Nato's conventional defence against the Warsaw Pact. Germany should have been searching for a new role within the alliance. Instead it has dodged the important questions, scaled down the army for financial rather than strategic reasons and sheltered behind its constitution to avoid military entanglement outside the immediate Nato region. President Clinton and the Pentagon have not hidden their irritation about what they see as a withdrawal from global responsibilities. German military commentators note that on some Nato issues, Bonn carries less weight than Denmark, Holland or Italy.

Germany's constitutional court therefore made a sensible, pragmatic ruling on Thursday in allowing German aircrew to take part in policing the no-fly zone over Bosnia. The judges in Karlsruhe stopped well short, though, of authorising the use of ground troops outside the Nato area or allowing Germans to fly direct combat missions. That too was well advised.

Germany's defence posture is resolutely European and favours mixed units, from Awacs to the joint German-French brigade. Had the court ruled against German Awacs participation, then every joint mission involving German forces would have been open to question.

Yet a balance has to be struck between playing a full, developed part in Nato, and reassuring those many countries still nervous about the future projection of German military power abroad. Across the German political spectrum there is agreement that the country should not take part in military operations in those areas with wartime memories of the Wehrmacht.

That seems a reasonable and politically sensitive precaution. But in practice it would exclude Germany from acting in countries between the Polar Circle in the north and the Libyan deserts in the south, between the Atlantic in the west and Moscow in the east. The highly delicate relationship with Israel would preclude a military involvement in the Middle East and many former African colonies have no great enthusiasm for German uniforms. That does not leave much scope for action. A new confidence-building strategy has to be devised to allow Germany to join in the many peacekeeping operations around the world.

The priority is not so much to change the constitution as to change the psychology of ordinary Germans and their army. The Bundeswehr has not been trained adequately for out-of-area missions and is nervous of combat of any kind. Not a single German soldier today has overseas combat experience. The army's strategy and equipment is still geared to a defensive war against the defunct Warsaw Pact. Moreover the Bundeswehr is a conscript army, highly educated but also on occasions critical of political decisions. There was a big, potentially debilitating debate within the army about the rights and wrongs of deploying German aircraft in Turkey during the Gulf War.

There is little doubt that every small, subsequent German move towards military involvement abroad will be the subject of agonising self-analysis as well as political bargaining. But the time has come for the German government to set in train a national and international debate. Would the Poles, Russians or Israelis, for example, object to Bonn's participation in peacekeeping operations? If so, what restraints should be put on the German role? How far are the Germans themselves ready to abandon the status of military eunuch? Germany's allies need to be patient with Bonn — it has been only two-and-a-half years since unification — but Chancellor Kohl must at least start to frame the issues.

FIXED IN STONE

The government may regret the current craze in mortgages

Along with signs that the housing market is reviving come signals that consumer canniness too is in sap. With base rates at their lowest for 16 years, borrowers are flocking to take up fixed-rate mortgages which guarantee today's rates for the next two, five or even ten years. In the first quarter of last year, applications for fixed-rate mortgages made up just five to ten per cent of the total. In the same period of this year, they reached 40 per cent.

What is an innovation in Britain is common practice abroad. Fewer than 10 per cent of all existing mortgages in Britain are at fixed rates, compared with more than 80 per cent in America and around 90 per cent in Germany, France and Japan. Until very recently, the British were offered little choice. British building societies, which had a virtual monopoly on mortgage lending until the 1980s, had to match that lending by borrowing from savers. And savings, traditionally, were at floating rates. Now, like their counterparts in much of continental Europe, the building societies can borrow money in the capital markets and can also insure themselves against interest rate changes.

This means that, as long as they have properly hedged their risks, building societies will not be caught out if interest rates subsequently rise. In America, by contrast, thousands of savings and loan institutions (the equivalent of building societies) collapsed in the 1980s because they were lending long-term at fixed rates, but borrowing short-term, often at floating rates. The federal government had to spend hundreds of billions of dollars to bail them out.

The availability of fixed-rate mortgages is a great boon to householders. Though the penalties are high if borrowers pull out before the loan expires, at least the worry of higher rates is removed. When base rates nearly doubled in the space of a few months in autumn 1988, borrowers were left gasping at the effect on their disposable income. Repayments that might have seemed perfectly manageable when the mortgage was taken out were suddenly crippling. A fixed-rate mortgage is the best way to ensure that such a shock cannot happen.

Yet the increasing popularity of fixed-rate loans may instead prove a headache to the government. The fact that most Britons borrow at floating rates has meant that monetary policy is a useful fine-tuning device for the economy. If the Chancellor raises or cuts interest rates by a point, borrowers feel the effect almost immediately. They are more sensitive than, say, Germans or Americans to these changes, and tend to rein in or increase their spending accordingly.

Governments can always use fiscal policy — raising or cutting taxes and public spending — to influence the direction of the economy. But it is a much blunter instrument: slower to enact, since Chancellors usually want to wait until the Budget, and then slower to produce the required effect.

Ministers discovered how painful it was to lose control of monetary policy when sterling was in the exchange-rate mechanism. They were unable to cut interest rates unless the Bundesbank did so first. The increasing popularity of fixed-rate mortgages may do by stealth what the ERM did openly: gradually restrict the government's room for economic manoeuvre.

REASSURING THE PATIENT

Treatments need to be regulated to ensure public confidence

Being open to suggestion is part of what is involved in being treated by a hypnotherapist. More than most forms of alternative medicine, hypnosis requires that patients trust their practitioners if they are to gain any benefit. When bad publicity — which may in the end prove unfounded — causes prospective patients to suspect the motives or character of their therapists, then inordinate damage may be done to the usefulness of the discipline itself.

Hypnotherapy, like other forms of alternative medical treatment, is effectively outside any legal regulatory structure. It is governed only by common law: if a hypnotherapist sexually abuses someone who has come to him as a patient, then his crime is no more nor less than it would be if he had assaulted any stranger. There is no specifically professional sanction, whereas if a gynaecologist or a GP were found to have used his position to commit such offences, he could be struck off the medical register and prevented from ever practising again. An official registration procedure monitored by government not only offers security to would-be patients but protects a profession from being damaged by the misconduct of individuals.

The old enmity between orthodox and alternative medicine, which banished all forms of fringe treatment to the outer darkness of quackery, is showing welcome signs of breaking down. Osteopathy is to be recognised by the Department of Health with an official General Council setting standards for qualifications. Many enlightened GPs now keep registers of acupuncturists, homeopaths and hypnotherapists to whom they can refer their patients. Some are even qualified to offer these treatments themselves as an adjunct to traditional medicine. But the legacy of antipathy remains: lack of government recognition means that no publicly accountable standards exist for a whole range of treatments.

Hypnosis has proved to be a valuable aid to dieting, giving up smoking and overcoming phobias — unlike many alternative treatments which may be championed by groups of followers but whose effectiveness is largely a matter of faith. There is a strong case for reputable practitioners to form a national accreditation body which would have something of the force of a licensing authority. But in the world of complementary medicine, this kind of uniform self-regulation has proved extremely difficult to erect. There is a vast number of different organisations which recommend different techniques and systems of training.

The real problem may be that the concept of alternative therapy itself defies regulation. If all existing complementary treatments were subsumed under respectable government control, this might only give rise to another wave of unorthodoxies which went beyond the reach of those legal limits. But for conscientious hypnotherapists, as well as those in conventional medicine who admire its humane — and inexpensive — effects, there would be much to gain from serious collaborative efforts to regularise its practice. In this case, reassuring patients has a particularly close relationship to helping them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The principles of teaching religion

From Mr Philip Gore and others

Sir, At this most important time of the Christian year it distresses a number of us who are members of the General Synod that the Church of England has adopted a policy which has led it to endorse religious education syllabuses with a grossly inadequate Christian content.

According to a disturbing report published last month by the National Curriculum Council, no local education authority syllabus examined by the council complies with the requirement of the 1988 Education Reform Act that religious education should be "in the main Christian". None states what proportion of time should be devoted to Christian teaching.

The greatest tragedy of all is that the Church of England has failed to use the influence and ultimately its right of veto to stop such syllabuses, which the NCC regards as illegal. The Church has endorsed at least 27 of the syllabuses. Its authorities should launch an enquiry into how this sorry state of affairs has arisen.

Although less than 4 per cent of the population adhere to a non-Christian faith we believe that young people should learn about the important non-Christian faiths represented in Great Britain. It is better to do this at the secondary stage and to ensure that all young people study one faith or, exceptionally, two faiths coherently and in detail, with introductory work on other faiths.

Instead of this, many diocesan advisers have been backing syllabuses which set no limit on the number of faiths to be studied, even for children as young as five. This is bad educational practice and leads to teaching which tends to trivialise all faiths.

The Church of England must demand clear and full Christian content in all locally agreed syllabuses of religious education. Local church authorities have a right of veto. For the good of our children they must be prepared to use it.

Yours faithfully,
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(Diocese of Manchester),
PETER BRUINVELS (Guildford),
MURIEL CURTIS (Exeter),
B. H. FIELD (Canterbury),
TONY HIGTON (Chelmsford),
JENNIFER RADFORD (Derby),
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April 8.

From the President of the Society of Education Officers

Sir, There is a nice irony in the proposal by Bishop Konstant, chairman of the Catholic Education Service for England and Wales, for the current Education Bill to be amended "to safeguard the partnership between church and state" (report, April 5, early editions).

The partnership was enshrined in the Education Act 1944. That remains unchanged unless schools opt for control by the Funding Agency for Schools.

As the bishop has indicated, Catholic education is known for the attention it gives to spiritual and moral values. What seems problematic is the weakness of the moral position which encourages church schools to opt out of local education authorities on the basis that they will thereafter receive a disproportionately large share of the finite resources available for the public education service.

The partnership between church, state and the local education authorities is put at risk only if the present arrangements are allowed to break down. Cardinal Hume and the Archbishop of Canterbury have given principled leads on the issue of grant-maintained schools. It is to be hoped that others will follow, or be very clear as to why they have difficulty in so doing.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER FARMER,
President,
Society of Education Officers,
20 Bedford Way, WC1.
April 5.

Church for all needs

From Mrs Jenifer Rowntree

Sir, I went recently to two very different services: one, at St Aldate's, Oxford, with a huge young congregation, was what some might describe as trendy; the second, at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, was high Anglo-Catholic. God was clearly there in both churches and although neither is totally to my middle-of-the-road taste, it was clear that the congregations in each were getting what they wanted.

Don't let us condemn "the Church of England in its desire to be in tune with the latest trends" as Mr M. L. C. Cole did (letters, April 3) because one church (or even several) runs services we don't like. Why not look somewhere else?

Yours faithfully,
JENIFER ROWNTREE,
Foot Lodge,
Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire.
April 3.

From Mr Robert Law

Sir, Like Sir John Stokes (letter, April 3), I, too, love to return when I can to Magdalen College, Oxford, to listen to a service conducted with dignity and accompanied by beautiful singing, but surely there is more to the Church of England than Tallis and Byrd and the Authorised Version. Its main purpose is to propagate the teaching of Christ to people of different ages and education.

In the village church where I worship we are fortunate to have the 1662 service and the ASB (Alternative Service Book), on alternative Sundays. The 1662 service is almost entirely attended by people over the age of 70.

What young we do see come to the ASB service because they say they understand it. The same is the case in my daughter's church where, owing to the great age of most of the congregation, the 1662 service may cease to be performed.

Surely our duty is not to be so fussy but to understand the wishes of others and attend both types of service so that worship may continue in our churches.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LAW,
Turnpike House, Withersfield,
Nr Haverhill, Suffolk.
April 3.

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After Hoover, lessons in marketing

From Mr John Hooper

Sir, Your leading article on Hoover ("Caveat vendor", April 1) was a timely reminder that we live in an age of consumer primacy. But you would be wrong to assume that the vast majority of British companies are unaware of the critical importance of their relationship with individual customers in the building of brand equity.

With UK expenditure on sales promotion now estimated to exceed £10 billion p.a., tens of thousands of promotional schemes are implemented each year to the complete satisfaction of consumer and brand-owner alike. The spectacular problems of the Hoover promotion are a rarity.

Hoover will pay the price, not only of a £20 million profits write-off, but also of potentially serious damage to its hitherto spotless brand reputation, as a result of a scheme put together by its own marketing department. This cautionary tale offers three key lessons for management:

First, to become more involved in key promotional decisions at a senior level. It is too important a function to be delegated to junior marketing management.

Secondly, to become totally quality-conscious by ensuring that promotional activity not only looks good in presentation, but provides satisfaction to the consumer in delivery. "Small-print" promotions must be avoided.

Thirdly, to recognise the expertise available from the many experienced and professional consultancies, whose creativity and strategic insight are acknowledged worldwide.

Yours faithfully,
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(Chairman), Sales Promotion
Consultants Association,
Wychen, Beacon Hill, Penn,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
April 2.

From Ms Margaret Murray

Sir, The Hoover affair has come to a climax at the right time when, in the teeth of the current severe recession, many reputable managements face pressures to adopt promotions which are sometimes in the grey area of sales promotion law, but are put forward by their sales promotion agencies on the basis that "everyone else is doing it".

In this context there are three issues which I believe the consumer products industry needs to confront in the wake of the Hoover affair.

1. Is the standard of ethics and legality laid down by the promoter's main board of directors understood by its management and sales agents at all levels, particularly with regard to the welfare of the company's customers and the long-term implications for the company's brand integrity?

2. Is there not a need for clear government leadership?

3. There is often complacency in dealing with complaints. The system for considering complaints in this industry is largely self-regulatory. It is difficult to maintain objectivity when those advising on the acceptability of a sales promotion subsequently have to rule on complaints about it.

It would be too easy to assume that the Hoover affair is the result of media pressure and an unfortunate commercial judgment as to redemption levels. For the consumer products industry there are now broader issues to consider.

Yours faithfully,
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April 1.

From Mr T. J. Yarker

Sir, Your leader, "Caveat vendor", whilst celebrating the emergence of the British consumer as a force to be reckoned with, castigates Hoover's British management.

William Foust, until recently president of Hoover Europe and managing director of Hoover Ltd (report, March 31), is an American, his previous appointment having been with the board of the parent, Maytag.

It is not only British management that makes mistakes.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. YARKER,
1 West Hill, Charminster,
Dorchester, Dorset.
April 1.

From Mr Malcolm Oliver

Sir, Your leading article impugns the name of marketing. Those who seek to gain advantage, as you imply, by running sales promotions in which they limit customer reward by setting up an "obstacle course of bureaucracy and circuitous regulations" may be styled marketing managers but they are not practising real marketing.

Marketing is about identifying customers' real needs, communicating with them to turn those needs into wants, and then delivering products or benefits which meet those needs and which add value to both the customer and the provider.

For a commercial organisation to give added value to customers without taking a fair reward is generally imprudent; to add value to themselves without giving matching and real added value to their customers could at worst verge on fraud.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM OLIVER,
26 Green Lane, Purley, Surrey.
April 2.

State aid for politics

From Mr R. J. Carter

Sir, Over the course of the past 30 years or so we have engaged in a prolonged national debate about the need for constitutional change. More recently the role of the monarchy and the honours system have come under scrutiny.

Yet, over the same period of time, little attention has been paid to the state of our political parties, without which, whatever the form and content of our constitution, democracy could not flourish.

Both major parties are now in debt and the minor parties limp along from one election to another.

Twenty years ago Ted Heath offered state aid to political parties but, for one reason or another, the idea didn't get very far. Is it not time we took the subject out for an airing once again?

Surely the time has long since passed when the democratic process must rely on the begging bowl and the generosity of political benefactors to sustain its vigour.

Yours sincerely,
RAY CARTER
(Labour MP for Birmingham,
Northfield, 1970-9),
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Bracknell, Berkshire.

RAF veterans

From Mr Robin Widdows

Sir, I share the disappointment felt by the Reverend Raymond Wood (letter, April 5). My father, Charles Widdows, a mere cadet aged 83, also failed to receive an invitation to the Royal Air Force's 75th anniversary celebrations. But, yes, I do have an idea for the birthday present: join me here in Champagne for dinner any time. We have an airfield near by!

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN WIDDOWS,
20 Avenue de Champagne,
Epernay, France.
April 6.

From Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Dick

Sir, Alan Hamilton reported (April 1) that the organisers of the Royal Air Force's 75th anniversary at Marham hoped to welcome 95-year-old Sergeant William Argent "as the oldest surviving member of the RAF".

I and all the members of this association are delighted to hear about Sergeant Argent and about Mr Stanley Wood, who, as his son pointed out (letter, April 5), is a year older than Sergeant Argent, but we wish to say that our senior member is one Air Commodore Charles Elliott-Smith, AFC, RAF (retd).

This splendid gentleman is well and lives in Eggleston, Co Durham. He is greatly looking forward to celebrating his 104th birthday on October 6 this year.

Charles Elliott-Smith transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in November 1915, and was a pilot with 30 Squadron in Mesopotamia in 1916 and 1917. I do not know whether he is the oldest surviving member of the RAF but he can give Sergeant Argent and Mr Wood, to whom we send our best regards, a few years!

Yours sincerely,
DAVID DICK (Chairman,
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That's progress

From Mr William L. B. Walker

Sir, As an octogenarian I never cease to be amazed at technological advances. Recently, in California, I saw a large road sign reading, "Live horse racing by satellite". Whatever next!

Yours faithfully,
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April 5.

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The private life of du Maurier

From Mr Michael Thornton

Sir, Granada Television is screening on Sunday a documentary on Dame Daphne du Maurier, filmed to coincide with the publication of Margaret Forster's official biography.

When it was first suggested that I might appear in the Granada film I declined, on the same grounds that I hesitated before making available to Miss Forster my own letters and memories. During a friendship of more than 30 years I knew Dame Daphne as a woman who valued her privacy and unvaryingly stated that she wished to have no official biography after her death involving the publication of her letters, diaries and private papers. It was only at the request of her family, therefore, that I gave Miss Forster some, but by no means all, of Dame Daphne's letters.

I was urged to reconsider my objections to appearing in the documentary, and I did so upon the understanding that I was to be asked about her influence on my own life when young and also about what she told me concerning her reaction to finding a bundle of letters written to her husband before their marriage by Jan Ricardo, his former fiancée. It was the discovery of these letters that inspired *Rebecca*, which Dame Daphne always described as "a study in jealousy".

When the time came for the interview I found that it was to be filmed at the Aldwych Theatre — where Gertrude Lawrence starred in Dame Daphne's play, *September Tide* — and that far from being asked about Jan Ricardo, I was being questioned on film by Margaret Forster about Gertrude Lawrence — whom I met once only when I was eight — and about Dame Daphne's attitude to homosexuality.

I expressed misgivings to Dame Daphne's son, Christian Browning, about how this interview was to be used, and shortly afterwards a newspaper article appeared, alleging a physical relationship between Dame Daphne and Gertrude Lawrence.

I have never believed there was any such relationship. Daphne fantasised and role-played all her life.

It is significant that not one word survives on paper from Gertrude Lawrence supporting this alleged relationship, and no member of Miss Lawrence's family believes it to be true.

I twice wrote to the producer of the Granada documentary, asking for my interview to be removed from the film. Granada declined and sent me a form for consent to the use of the material, which I returned unsigned.

The inclusion of this interview on Sunday, therefore, is without my approval and entirely against my expressed wishes. I feel I owe it to the memory of Daphne du Maurier to make these facts public.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL THORNTON,
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27 Arlington Road, NW1.
April 8.

Customer relations

From Mr J. C. A. Yorke

Sir, The City Diary comments (April 6) on the new smoking ban for Abbey National staff, noting that the ban on customers smoking has been in operation since 1987.

Our smallish firm of chartered accountants has had a staff smoking ban for many years. Clients, on the other hand, may still smoke (although the search for the office ashtray may tend to deter).

The contrast clearly reflects the different attitudes of small and large firms to their clients and customers.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. A. YORKE,
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April 6.

All in a name

From the Very Reverend Malcolm McMahon

Sir, I regret what seems to me to be an increasing tendency to refer to Holy Week as Easter Week and to call Holy Saturday "Easter Saturday".

Is the aversion to suffering and hell implied in these changes of title just a sign that our society has finally failed to understand the Christian revelation, or is it a sign that we are at last emerging from the current economic recession — and "the green blade (shoot) riseth", as the Easter hymn says, albeit a week early?

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM McMAHON
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What a performance

From Mr Michael R. Bond

Sir, If Richard Morrison is so worried by an obscure American book vaguely related to opera ("Opera as a mother fixation", April 5), why give it massive free publicity? Opera is about the great certainties of life: it is strong on death but a bit weak on taxes.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL R. BOND,
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April 6.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 9: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a service at the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, HM Tower of London, London EC3.

Birthdays

Today

Lord Brookes, 84; Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, IBM UK, 55; Sir Geoffrey Cox, former editor and chief executive, ITN, 83; Mr Aidan Crawley, former chairman, London Weekend Television, 85; Earl De La Warr, 45; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 84; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 58; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 61; Mr J.H. Holroyd, civil servant, 58; Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 53; Professor Kathleen Major, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 87; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 56; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 40; Lord Morton of Shuna, 63; Sir Robert Rhodes James, MP, 60; Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 61; Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director GMTV, 43; Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 52.

Tomorrow

Miss Janet Allen, former headmistress, Benenden School, 57; Viscount Buckmaster, 72; Mr Joseph Burnett-Stuart, former chairman, Robert Fleming Holdings, 63; Sir Raymond Carr, former warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 74; Mr Gervase de Peyer, clarinettist, 67; Sir Oscar De Ville, former chairman, Meyer International, 68; Mr Clive Exton, scriptwriter and playwright, 63; Mr Ronald Fraser, actor, 63; Dame Anne Poole, former chief nursing officer, Department of Health, 59; Mr Richard Wainwright, former MP, 75.

Anniversaries

Today

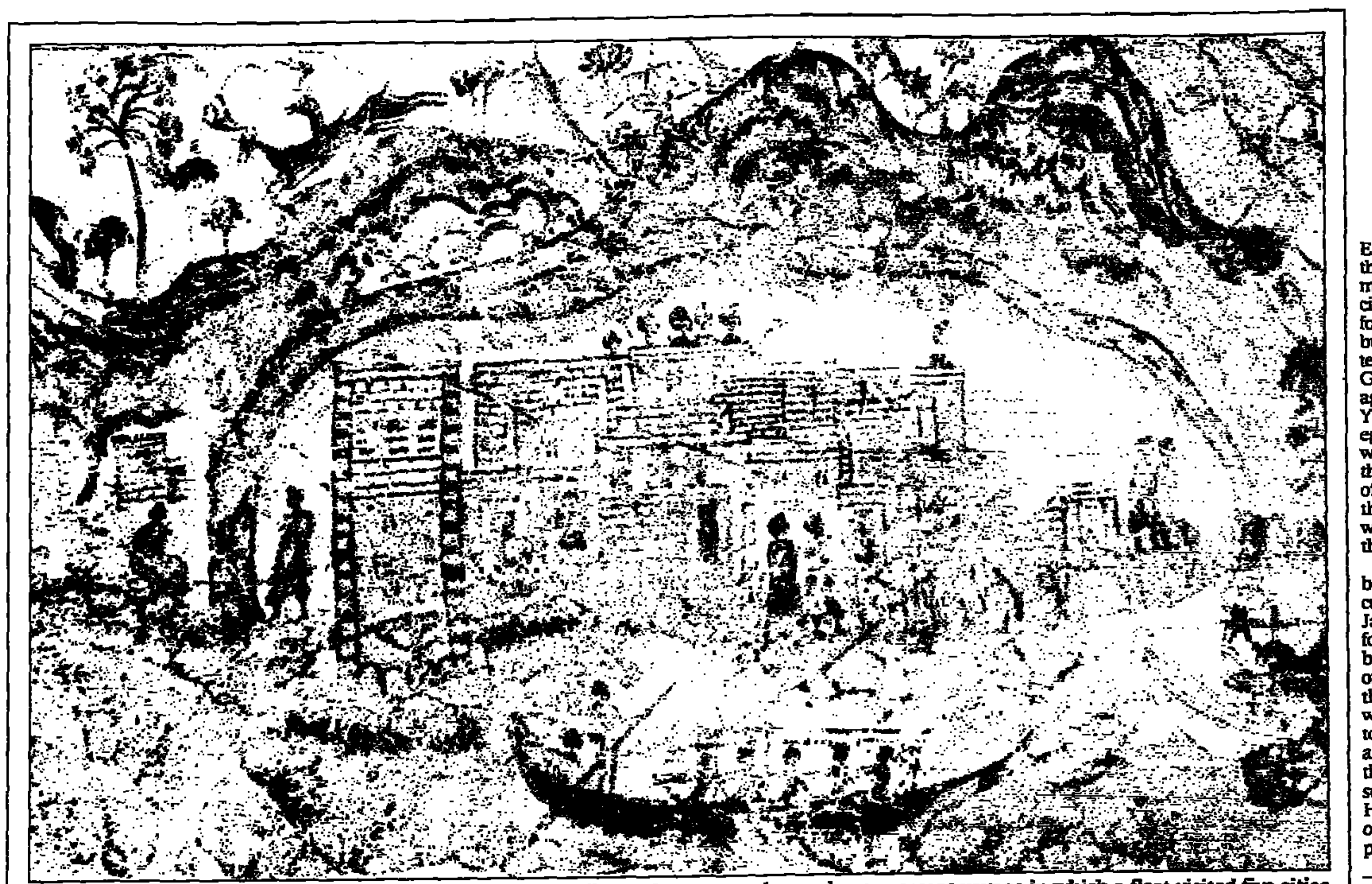
BIRTHS: King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Linlithgow, 1512; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Delft, 1583; John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Ditchley, Oxfordshire, 1647; William Hazlitt, essayist, Maidstone, 1778; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Brookville, Indiana, 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Makó, Hungary, 1847; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868; Vic Feather, Baron Feather, trades unionist, Bradford, 1908.

DEATHS: Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Paris, 1813; Alexander Nasmyth, painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1909; Auguste Lumière, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Sir John Eliot, parliamentarian, St Germans, Cornwall, 1592; George Canning, Prime Minister 1827, London, 1770; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist, conductor and founder of the orchestra that bears his name, Hagen, Germany, 1819.

DEATHS: Llywelyn ap Iorwerth, Prince of Wales, Aberconway, 1240; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Younger, poet and conspirator, executed, London, 1554; Sir Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1934; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plastic surgeon, London, 1960; Josephine Baker, singer, Paris, 1975; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader 1944-85, Albania, 1985.



Leaving a foreign port for home: part of a frieze which runs all round a room and records an overseas voyage in which a fleet visited five cities

Volcanic eruption preserved 3,500-year-old wall paintings

By Norman Hammond

ANCIENT murals never before published nor seen by the public are revealed in a new book, *The Wall-Paintings of Thera*, which documents the astonishing discoveries made at the Akrotiri site on the island of Thera (or Santorini) in the Aegean, where buildings 3,500 years old have been preserved up to three stories high.

The preservation, by a volcanic ashfall accompanying the colossal eruption that blew the heart out of Thera around 1628 BC, has shown a Bronze Age world rivalled only by the famous murals of Knossos, the Minoan palace on Crete, eighty miles to the south of Thera. About half the paintings, which were excavated nearly twenty years ago by the late Professor Spyridon Marinatos and subsequently by Professor Christos Doumas, have been on display in the National Museum in Athens.

The other half, says Mr Peter Nomikos, president of the Thera Foundation and a native of the island, "have remained not only unpublished but also out of sight", in storage or in the Thera museum, which has yet to be opened to the public. The paintings "present a brilliant new chapter in the history of Aegean painting", Professor Peter Warren of Bristol University says.

The murals include delicately drawn plants and animals, richly-accoutred people engaged in many aspects of daily and ceremonial life, and astonishing *tours-de-force* like the procession of elaborate barges in front of a rocky landscape, the only record of some ancient festival.

Classical Association

It's a shame about East and West

By Philip Howard

EAST continually meets West these days. At the annual meeting of the Classical Association in Durham, the school for gifted children in St Petersburg is advertising for classics teachers to teach Latin and Greek to the young from the age of seven. And Dr Naoko Yamagata of University College London (one of the new wave of young scholars from the Far East studying the roots of western culture) compared the traditions of her two worlds from a vantage point that few westerners attain.

Western scholars have labelled Homer's world a shame culture, and compare it to Japan. Dr Yamagata has found significant differences between the shame and guilt of Japanese tradition and those of western epic. In both warriors are supposed to fight to the death for their pride, and their women protest that they would rather die than survive their men. But in Homer there are no instances of suicide. In spite of their protesting, the ladies end up sleeping with the enemy.

However, in Japanese epic, such as the medieval *Tale of the Heike* clan, there are constant suicides by women, children and warriors as proof of their loyalty. And society praises their behaviour.

But the notion of shame is too simple to explain the complexities of behaviour in the western and eastern heroes. East and west are studying each other's roots with more sympathetic understanding than before. But those roots are still very different. Dr Peter Brown of Trinity College, Oxford, examined the old comic business of knocking on doors. From the earliest Greek comedy onwards to knock on a door has been used as a build-up for a surprise. The device is seldom used in tragedy. And when it is, as with the porter in *Macbeth*, it is used as comic relief. And carry-on knocking is still the slogan for our modern comedians on television. To knock on a door means look out for a surprise and a joke.

Church services tomorrow

Easter Day

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Responses (Moore). Britten in E & C. Dum transisset (Taverner); 11 Sung Euch. Canterbury Mass (Moore). Now the green blade riseth (French melody). The Archbishop; 3.15 E, Christ the Lord is risen (German melody). Responses (Moore). Murrill in E. Let all the world (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 Service for the Springboard Prayer Mission (Eastern Crypt).

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch. Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele (Bach). Christ the Lord is risen again (Foster). Messe Solennelle (Langlais). Sarabande for the morning of Easter (Howells). The Dean; 3 E, This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Responses (Rose). Murrill in E. Haec Dies (Byrd). Tu es Petra (Mulet); 6.30 NP, Mrs Joan Barham.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 5 Dawn Euch (to finish The Amazing Journey II); 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch. Coronation Mass in C (Mozart). Darke in E. The Bishop of Chelmsford; 6 Choral E & Procession. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). Responses (Rose). Gloucester Service (Howells). Light out of darkness (Elgar). The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Responses (Rose). The Easter Anthems (Middleton). Rutter in C. Jubilate, The Dean; 11.30 Choral Euch. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). Darke in F. Now the green blade riseth (arr. Shaw). Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose). Jackson in G. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Amen (Naylor); 6.30 ES. Canon Christopher Biddell.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 5 The Communion; 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 The Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 The Cathedral Euch. The Stoneleigh Setting (Leddington Wright). Psallite Deo (Taizé). Easter (Leavitt). Earth's Easter Song (Leddington Wright). Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry; 3 German Lutherans (Chapel of Unity); 5.30 E & Procession. Haec Dies (Byrd). Responses (Rose). Stanford in A. Earth's Easter Song (Leddington Wright).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 Easter Celebration & HC. Jackson in G; 10.15 M, Easter Acclamations (Eden). Responses (Lloyd). Stanford in C. This joyful Eastertide. The Dean; 11.30 HC. Easter Acclamations (Eden). Stanford in C. I got me flowers (Vaughan Williams). The Bishop; 3.30 E. Easter Acclamations (Eden). Responses (Lloyd). Stanford in C. Worthy is the Lamb (Handel). Organ: March on a theme of Handel (Guilmant).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 7.30 HC (Chapel of St Dunstan & St Ethelwold); 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozart). Hallelujah! (Handel). Surgens Jesus (Philips). The Dean; 3.45 E & Procession. Preces (Leighton). Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton). Worthy is the Lamb (Handel), Te Deum (Howells). Organ: Toccata (Widor).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Sung Euch. Darke in E. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). The Bishop of Leicester; 4 Choral E. Responses (Reading/Ireland). Murrill in E. Hallelujah! (Handel).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch. Missa Brevis in C (Mozart). Now the green blade riseth (French melody). The Bishop of Lincoln; 11.15 M, Responses (Rose). Collegium regale (Howells). This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). The Dean; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E. Dyson in D. Hallelujah! (Handel). Organ: Toccata (Duruflé).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Procession & Sung Euch. Messe Solonelle (Vierne). The Easter Anthems. Now the green blade riseth (Dames). The Lord Bishop of Lichfield; 3.30 E. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). Responses (Rose). Stanford in G. Worthy is the Lamb (Handel).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch; 9 Procession & Sung Euch. Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn). Creed (Shaw). Haec dies quam Dominus (Byrd). The Lord Bishop; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Festal E. St Paul's Service (Howells). Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev S P Kirk.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. St Nicholas Mass (Haydn). The Dean; 6.30 E, The Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch. Messe solennelle (Langlais). Haec dies (Byrd). This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). The Bishop of Southwark; 3 E. Gloucester Service (Howells). Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G). Haec dies (Byrd). Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams). The Provost.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 8 M, The Chancellor; 10 Sung Euch. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). Schubert in G. Dum Transisset (Taverner). Organ: Te Deum Jeanne Demessieux. The Bishop; 6 E. Responses (Sanders). Stanford in C. Lobet den Herrn (Bach). Organ: Improvisation sur le Victimae Paschali (Tournemire). The Dean.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 7 & 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch. Missa Brevis in F. Rt Rev J L Thompson, The Bishop; 11.30 M. Britten in C. If ye then be risen with Christ (Stanford); 3 E. This joyful Eastertide (Dutch Carol). Collegium Regale (Howells). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Very Rev R Lewis.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Abbey Euch with Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Missa Brevis in F (Mozart). Dixit Dominus (Mozart). Laudate Dominum Dum transisset (Taverner). Very Rev Michael Mayne; 3 Festal E & Procession. Responses (Rose). St Paul's Service (Howells). Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). Rev Christopher Lilley; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES. Canon Colin Semper.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 8 MP; 10 The Office of Readings. Sepulto Domino (Victoria). O vos omnes (Victoria). Recessit pastor noster (Victoria). Christus factus est (Anerio); 8.30 Solemn Paschal Vigil. Missa brevis (Kodaly). Dic nobis, Maria (Bassano). Ave verum corpus (Mawby). Final from Symphonie I (Vierne). HE The Cardinal.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch. Krönungsmesse (Mozart). This joyful Eastertide (Trad.). Most Rev John Habgood, Archbishop; 11.30 M. Easter Anthems. Responses (Aylewarde). Noble in B minor. Very Rev John Southgate; 4 E. Wood in F. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch. Easter Anthems. Most Glorious Lord of Lyfe (Armstrong Gibbs). Organ: Final Symphony VI (Widor). Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archbishop of Wales; 3.30 Choral E. Dyson in D. Responses (Byrd). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Organ: Toccata Symphony VI (Widor).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM. Spatzen Mass (Mozart). Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). Very Rev Canon James F Pannett.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 10 HC. Mass in C (Mozart). The Minister; 11.30 MS. Rise heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams). The Minister; St Giles' at 6. Schubert Quartet in A 'The Trout'; 8 ES. The Minister.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 & 9 HC; 11 Orchestral Euch with the Blessing of the Easter Garden. Missa Brevis in C (Mozart). Dum transisset sabbatum (Taverner). The Lord Bishop of London. The Dean; 3.15 E. Dyson in D. Responses (Smith). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Organ: Grande Choeur Dialogue (Gigout); 5.15 Easter ES. Canon John Halliburton.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Rise heart (Vaughan Williams). The Provost; 6.30 Solemn E. Stanford in A. Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow). Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM. Missa Solemnis (Mozart). Haec Dies (Byrd). The Vicar; 6 E & B. Bairstow in D. Alleluya, Christe is now rysen agayne (Vaughan Williams). Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Easter Sunday Communion Service. Rev Preb Richard Bewes; 6.30 Rev Christopher Hobbs.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa brevis (Berkeley). Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes). If we believe that Jesus died (Goss).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15. Fr Anthony Meredith, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM. Surrexit Christus Hodie (Praetorius). Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Terra tremuit (Byrd). Haec Dies (Palestrina).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC. Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Church). Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Jeremy Jennings.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Theresa Mass (Haydn). Haec Dies (Palestrina). 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B. Surgens Jesus (Philips).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC1: 11 MS & HC. Rev Paul Hulme. Rev Dr Colin M Morris.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC. Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Choral Vespers. St Anne's Singers and Lecosaldi Ensemble, with Cor Cant 1 Cantos from Spain. Alleluia (Haydn). Easter Dialogue (Schütz). Women, why weepest thou?, Rev Wayne D Swanson.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 8.30pm Vigil (Easter Eve); 9 HC; 11 Choral E. Short English Mass (Perch). Christ is now rysen agayne (Brockless). The Rector; 6.30 E. Walmisley in D minor. Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell). Rev Anthony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 5.45 Service of the Dawn, Lighting of the New Fire, Liturgy of the Resurrection, From Darkness of Light followed by Egg Rolling in Fleet Street & Breakfast.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch. This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Mass in G (Schubert). Haec Dies (Byrd). Rev A T R Goode.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC. Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 Carols & Readings.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa Bella amfitrit altera (Lassus). In resurrectione tua (Byrd).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Mozart in C. Hallelujah (Bach). The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch. Rev John Paul.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Sparrow Mass (Mozart). Since by man came death (Handel). Rev Richard Buck; 6 Choral E. Stanford in C. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev Graham Buckle.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 7 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Mozart in F. Gloria in excelsis (Weelkes). Organ: Repons pour le temps de Paques (Demessieux). Rev Derek Watson; 6.30 Choral E. O Bone Jesu (Radcliffe). Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 Procession & Sung Eucharist. Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn). Hallelujah (Handel). Rev Joanna Yates.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch & Sermon. Rev Roger Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 9.45 Euch. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood). St Martin's Service (Stringer). Haec Dies (Byrd). If ye love me (Tallis). Organ: Toccata (Widor); 11 Visitors Service. Responses (Rose). Jubilate (Anglican Chant). Let the people praise Thee, O God (Mathias). Organ: Flourish (Steele).

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 8, 9.45, 7.15 LM; 11 HM. Missa St Johannis de Deo with strings (Haydn). Fr Bill Scott; 6 Solemn E & B. Evening Canticles (Murrill).

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch. Missa Lumen de Lumine (Berkeley). The Rector; 6.30 ES. The Rector.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch. Mass 8 4 (Byrd). Easter Anthems (Humfrey). Haec dies (Sheppard).

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch. Missa Brevis (Kodaly). Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM. Missa Brevis in C (Spatzenmesse/Mozart). Ave Maria (Bruckner). Haec Dies (Byrd). Hallelujah (Handel); 6 Solemn E & B. Fr John Towers.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch. Missa Brevis in F (Mozart). Rev W J Booth.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Easter Anthems (Middleton). Stanford in C. Most glorious Lord (Armstrong Gibbs); 3.30 E. This joyful Eastertide (arr. Llewellyn). Blair in B minor. Haec dies (Byrd).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 Procession & High Mass. Missa Bell'amfitrit altera (Lassus). Sequence (plainsong). Rev Prof J R Porter.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch. Darke in F. The Chaplain.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 Easter Matins & Sermon; 12.10 HC; 3 Easter Choral E in St John's Chapel, The White Tower.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP & HC. Haec dies (Wood). Responses (Radcliffe). Easter Anthems. Te Deum Laudamus (Vaughan Williams in G). Jubilate Deo (Dyson in D). Surgens Jesus (Philips). Organ: Nun danket alle Gott (Sigfrid Karg-Elert). The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1. 11 Choral HC. Haec dies (Byrd). Missa Brevis in C (Mozart). Up my heart with gladness (Bach). Alleluia Alleluia Give thanks to thanks to the Risen Lord. Organ: The Royal Fireworks Music (Handel). The Chaplain (Band of The Scots Guards).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 10.30 Sung Euch. This joyful Eastertide. The strife is o'er (Ley). The Chaplain.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Anning and Miss C.J. Trembath
The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr S.G. Anning and of Mrs Anning, of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, and Clarissa Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Trembath, of Barnston Lodge, Dunmow, Essex.

Mr G.R. Ball and Miss C.A. Middleton
The engagement is announced between George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Ball, of Barncrosh, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Middleton, of Shutwell, Hellidon, Northamptonshire.

Dr J.J. Binney and Dr L.E. Buckingham
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Roy Binney, of Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Lucy, daughter of Professor and Mrs David Buckingham, Snailwell, Cambridgeshire.

Mr N.R. Crosby and Miss J.O. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Neil Rutherford, son of Mr and Mrs John Crosby, of Purley, Surrey, and Jean Olive, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Ryan, of Ratoath, Co Meath.

Mr J.T. Mann and Miss T.S. Clegg
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Surgeon Captain M.J. Mann, RN, and Mrs Wendy Busuttil, and Tamsin, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs P.L. Clegg.

Mr W.A.M. Mulloy and Freiin Marie-Christine von Fürstenberg
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Mulloy and the late Mrs Deirdre Mulloy, of Coxhill House, West Hougham, Kent, and Tin, eldest daughter of Freiherr and Freifrau Gustav von Fürstenberg, Haus Bollen, Glandorf, Germany.

Mr J.R. Palmer and Miss S.C. Dickinson
The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr Peter Palmer, of Hove, Sussex, and Mrs Robert Ansell, of Coln St Aldwyns, Gloucestershire, and Samantha Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kit Dickinson, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Marriages

Mr G.F. Butler and Mrs B.J. Fender
The marriage took place quietly in Devon on April 3, of Graham Butler and Bridgit Fender, of Church Cottage, Spithurst, Barcombe, East Sussex.

Mr I.C. Dawkins and Miss T.C. North
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 3, 1993, at L'Eglise de Saint Martin de Belleville, Savoie, France, of Mr Ian Dawkins, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Dawkins, of Epsom, Surrey, and St George's Park, Malta, to Miss Teresa North, daughter of Mr Sidney North and the late Mrs Egidia North, of Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.J. Hodgson and Miss L.E.C. Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 3, at St Mary's Church, Hartley Wespall, of Mr Richard Hodgson, son of Commander and Mrs Michael Hodgson, of Hill House, Turleigh, Wiltshire, to Miss Lucy Russell, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Russell, of Hartley Court, Hartley Wespall, Hampshire. The Rev Neville Thomas officiated, assisted by the Rev Bruce Robertson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Thomas and Eleanor Wake-Walker and Phoebe Robertson. Mr Michael McNish was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P.A. Skuodas and Miss A.S.J. Robinson
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 3, 1993, at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, between Peter, third son of Mr and Mrs Michael Skuodas, of Garelochhead, and Anna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Robinson, of Bristol. The Ven Kenneth Clark, DSC, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Corisande Telfer and Rhona and Chloe Skuodas. Mr Laurence Skuodas was best man.

A reception was held at St Mary Redcliffe Under Croft and the honeymoon is being spent in the Maldives.

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Once you were far off, but now, in union with Christ Jesus, you have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood.
Ephesians 2 : 13

BIRTHS

GLYNN - On 4th April, to Helen (née Grant) and Andrew, a daughter, Katy Elizabeth, a sister for William.

SLATOR GOODDY - On April 3rd 1993, to Helen and Tom, a son, Augustus, a brother for Arabella and William.

WOFFENDEN - On 8th April 1993, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Glesni (née Davies) and Ken, a son, Thomas Alexander John, a brother for Catherine and Emily.

DEATHS

BARLEY - On April 8th 1993, peacefully at Torbay Hospital, Marguerite F.L. Barley A.R.R.C., M.B.E. Beloved by her family and many friends. Funeral Service at St Matthias Church, Wellswood, on Wednesday April 14th at 11am. Family flowers only, donations for Mid-Africa Ministry may be sent to Torbay & District Funeral Service, Wellswood House, 11 Babbacombe Road, Torquay. Revelation 22, verse 4 "They shall see his face".

DAVIE - On 30th March 1993, peacefully at Ardeer House Residential Home in Innellan, Whinifred Yeats Davie, formerly of Duncrag, Hunters Quay, Dunoon. The last surviving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Jaffray Davie, late of Cambuslang and Glasgow. A service was held on Thursday 8th April, 1993 at Kirn Parish Church, Dunoon and thereafter at the Crematorium Greenock.

DEATHS

LOWE - Peacefully at home on April 6th, Dorothy Honor Lowe. Mother of Audrey Guest and the late Francis Lowe. Funeral Service at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue, W3, on Wednesday April 14th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to MENCAP, The National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y ORT.

MACKENZIE - On 8th April in hospital at Wincanton after a stroke, Daphne Margaret, wife of the late Brigadier Stephen Mackenzie, mother of Robert and the late Diana. Memorial service at St. Gregory's, Marnhull at 3 pm Monday 19th April. Family flowers only, donations to Church of England Childrens Society. Any inquiries 0963 62570.

McDOUGALL - On 8th April at home, Ian Duncan aged 61 years. Adored husband of Morell, greatly loved father of Dugall, Torquil, Hamish and Calum, father-in-law of Tina and Susie and doting grandfather of Lisa, Jessica, James and Tara. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Heronsgate on Thursday, 15th April at 1:30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Lung Foundation, 8 Peterborough Mews, London SW6 3BL.

NICHOLLS - On 8th April suddenly at his home in Hadleigh, Essex, Squadron Leader (Rtd.) Leslie William, aged 81 years. Greatly missed by his many friends.

POPPER - On 8th April, after a long illness at Princess Grace Hospital, Frank. Much loved husband of Milena and father of Andrew and Ronald. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 11:30 am Sunday 11th April. No flowers.

REID - On 7th April, Norma Mackenzie, dear wife of Andrew and mother of Ian and Roderick. Memorial service at 11:00 am Thursday 15th April at All Saints, Publow, Nr. Bristol. Family flowers only.

SPIERS - On 8th April, 1993, suddenly at home in Bramhope, Leeds, Frederick William Spiers D.Sc. CBE. Emeritus Professor of Medical Physics, the University of Leeds. Beloved by Kathleen and daughter Elizabeth and her family. Funeral service will be held in the Emmanuel Church, University of Leeds on Friday 16th April at 1:30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Department of Medical Physics, Leeds General Infirmary.

WATSON - On Friday 9th April peacefully at the Pines Nursing Home, Putney, Enid Agnes Maud aged 85. Dearly loved mother of Ian and much loved grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral service on Thursday 15th April at St. Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, SW3 at 12 noon, followed by private cremation.

WORRALL - On April 8th, Margaret Joyce (Peggy) of Stapleford (formerly of East Africa). Beloved wife of the late John R.C. Worrall, loving mother of Ann and Nicola and grandmother to Laura, Alice and Melissa. Funeral enquiries to D.K. Shergold, 159/161 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, tel: (0272) 328966. Donations in lieu of flowers to Macmillan Unit, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Annual Report for the 1992 financial year submitted by the Board of Directors.
2. Approval and adoption of the Annual Accounts and appropriation of the profit for the 1992 financial year.
3. Appointment of the members of the Board of Directors.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Designation, in accordance with Articles 96 and 96a of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, of the Board of Directors as the Company body authorised in respect of the issue of shares in the Company.
6. Authorisation, in accordance with Article 98 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, of the Board of Directors to purchase shares in the Company and trust certificates thereof.
7. Questions.

This Agenda, the Report and Accounts for 1992, and the information to be provided in accordance with Article 392, para. 1, of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code and the further documentation pertaining to the Agenda are available for inspection by shareholders and holders of certificates issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor at the Company's office, Burg. s'Jacobplein 1, Rotterdam, and at the office of the Bank mentioned below, where copies may be obtained free of charge.

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Rotterdam, 10th April, 1993

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD MELVILLE

Richard Valentine Melville, geologist and palaeontologist, died on March 13 aged 79. He was born on February 14, 1914, at Tidworth Barracks.

RICHARD Melville was a leading expert in fossil sea-urchins and something of a polymath whose breadth of interests, cultural as well as scientific, was gloriously subversive of the "two cultures" school of over-specialisation.

After graduating in 1938 from Reading University, where he had come under the influence of the Professor H. L. Hawkins, a world leader in the study of fossil sea urchins, he was appointed to the Geological Survey and Museum (now the British Geological Survey). There he was to become a principal geologist, chief palaeontologist and finally assistant director, retiring in 1974.

His work involved identifying and interpreting fossils collected in the course of geological mapping and in deep boreholes. These are of great importance in analysing the stratigraphy and structure of rocks and essential to an understanding of mineral resources and engineering.

Strictly speaking, Richard Melville specialised in Mesozoic faunas of 65 to 250 million years ago (although he often worked on carboniferous and tertiary sequences) and, in particular, Mesozoic echinoderms such as sea urchins, on the classification of which he contributed many papers and on which he was often consulted from overseas. He was also an expert in the geology of many areas of the United Kingdom, especially the southeast.

During the war, he supervised the transfer of the most important fossils to safer storage on the premises of the then University College, Bangor. Wartime survey work, relating mainly to mineral reserves, was to be the basis of his later work on the non-marine bivalves of the North Staffordshire coalfield (1947).

During the 1950s, the survey began a series of deep-cored boreholes to extend knowledge of the three-dimensional geology of the United Kingdom and to delimit potential resources of minerals such as coal and salt. These yielded some important fossil collections. Melville contributed extensively to the Stowell Park and Upton, Burford, borehole accounts, identifying many specimens and describing new taxa of mollusca.

His work with the Geological Survey of Great Britain was interrupted by a four-year secondment (1961-65) to the British embassy in Paris as scientific attaché and later scientific counsellor; he was also scientific advisor to the UK delegation to the OECD, studying the organisation and methods of geological surveys in a number of other European countries. In 1971-72 he was seconded to the Natural Environment Research Council as deputy secretary. He also served, 1972-75, as a member of the BBC's science consultative group.

Melville was secretary of the Palaeontographical Society and editor of its monographs for 13 years. From 1968 to 1985 he was secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, the unique world authority for the application of scientific names to all animal organisms, and editor of its bulletins.

His association with the commission had started as early as 1953, when he was instrumental in revising the Rules of Nomenclature, leading to the publication of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*. In subsequent years his achievement in raising funds for the commission (of which he was completing the centenary history at his death) was crucial to its survival.

A kindly and convivial man, he was a member of a heterogeneous collection of clubs including the Athenaeum but also the Tetrapods ("founded in 1930 as a dining club for those interested in vertebrate zoology"; but, according to at least one observer, most fascinating because "although the talks are indeed on vertebrates, these mostly have anything but four legs") and the Lucretians, founded in 1910 and restricted to a small male membership, meeting at Kew Gardens in the summer in recent years.

In addition to a prodigious list of scientific papers, he was the author with Frank Dimes of *Fossil Collecting* in the KTG (Know the Game) series for children. Blessed with a phenomenal memory for anecdote and literary quotation, and an aptitude for foreign languages, his wit and erudition were legendary.

As a young man he had studied the french horn under Aubrey Brain and played in the Newbury Symphony Orchestra under George Wheldon. During and just after the war he played with and for the Working Men's College in northwest London, and published a paper in their journal of March 1949, on the history of the Uffington White Horse.

His wife predeceased him in 1982; he is survived by his daughter.



ALEXANDRE MNOUCHKINE

Alexandre Mnouchkine, *doyen* of French film producers, died in Paris on April 3 aged 85. He was born in St Petersburg on February 10, 1908.

ALEXANDRE Mnouchkine, one of the giants of the French cinema with a career spanning more than 60 years, had an instinct for backing films that appealed to a broad public. His productions, however, were not low-brow but tended to bridge the gap between the commercial cinema and the so-called *cinéma d'auteur*. He worked with a wide range of directors including Jean Cocteau, Christian-Jaque, Claude Lelouch, Alain Resnais, Bertrand Blier, Georges Lautner, Claude Miller and the Paris-American Bob Swain.

Mnouchkine emigrated to France after the Russian Revolution and his first job was as a junior prop man with the celebrated director René Clair. He took French citizenship in 1930 and by 1932 had set up as a producer. After the second world war he founded Films Ariane, named after one of his daughters.

Mnouchkine produced two Jean Cocteau films, *L'Aigle a deux têtes* and *Les Parents Terribles*, in the late 1940s, while the following decade saw a string of successes, among them Christian-Jaque's swashbuckling *Fanfan la Tulipe* with Gerard Philippe, a legendary star; *Babette s'en va-t-en guerre* with Brigitte Bardot and Julian Duvivier's *Le Retour de Don Camillo* starring the great comic actor Fernandel.

The 1960s saw the start of a long association with Philippe de Broca and the actor Jean-Paul Belmondo. The latter became France's number one box office star in Mnouchkine-backed adventure films such as *L'homme de Rio*, *Le Magnifique* and others. Mnouchkine also produced several films by Claude Lelouch. There followed Resnais's *Stavisky* and Blier's *Préparez vos mouchoirs*, and then a series of thrillers, notably Lautner's *Le Professional*, Miller's *Garde à vue* and Swain's fast-moving *La Balance* about the underworld.

Mnouchkine was ever-ready to take risks saying that luck was as much an ingredient of a film's success as talent and hard work, and was often present in the studios lending a hand. He survived a serious heart attack in 1981 and was soon back in his office. Even when he relinquished the direction of Films Ariane he remained active as a producer with *Name of the Rose* with Sean Connery and the two-part epic *La Révolution Française*, made to coincide with the 1989 bicentennial of the storming of the Bastille. The film attracted him, he said, because it had been considered an "impossible" project.

Mnouchkine kept his thick Russian accent and lived to fulfill his ambition to work in his native land where last year he produced Eldar Riazanov's *La Prédiction*. At the time of his death, he was working in Italy with director Guiseppe Tornatore with whom he had collaborated on the successful *Cinema Paradiso*. In 1989, Mnouchkine was elected president of the *Académie des arts et technique du cinéma* which awards the Césars, France's equivalent of the Oscars.

He is survived by his two daughters.

CHARLES STUART

Charles Stuart, chairman and chief executive of Brymon Airways, 1983-91, and chairman of the South West Regional Health Authority, 1990-92, died from a heart attack at his home in Tiverton, Devon, on April 7 aged 64. He was born in London on May 28, 1928.



CHARLES STUART was a skilled and ardent upholder of British air transport throughout the past 25 years and made important contributions to the management and efficiency of a wide range of British air services. At the time of his death he was energetically and enthusiastically in the thick of launching a new independent scheduled airline — Air Bristol — due to start services this year. He turned Brymon Airways into one of the country's most successful regional airlines during the 1980s and, despite setbacks, remained agreat believer in the potential growth of regional airline networks. He helped in the creation of London City Airport the rebuilding of Plymouth's airport and, in 1990, won the international Air Transport World Award for Best Regional Airline at a ceremony in New York.

Charles Rowell Stuart was educated at St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School in London, and at the London *School of Economics where he gained a* BSc in economics before joining British Rail in its planning department from 1951 to 1969. From BR he became corporate marketing director of British European Airways and, in 1972, director of BEA's One-Eleven aircraft division. On the formation of British Airways, Stuart was appointed head of commercial planning and pricing of its European division where, from 1973 to 1977, he was head of industrial affairs. He joined the British Airways board in 1977 and, with Sir Roy Watts, launched the successful series of shuttle services on BA's domestic trunk routes. As a sideline he completed the first New York marathon as a member of the official British Airways team. During this time he was also a director of British Airways, Cyprus Airways, British Air Tours, British Airways Association Companies and Trust House Forte Travel.

In 1953, at the age of 55, Stuart retired from British Airways "to run a farm in Devon". That intention was, in the event, largely overtaken by an invitation to become chairman and chief executive of the regional airline, Brymon Airways based at Roborough airport, Plymouth. During the next eight years he led a team which built Brymon into one of the most successful of Britain's regional airlines and a lead airline in the launch of the London City Airport. In the following year Stuart retired from Brymon to become chairman of the South West Regional Health Authority and subsequently to join also the boards of South West Water, Exeter Airport and to become a university governor.

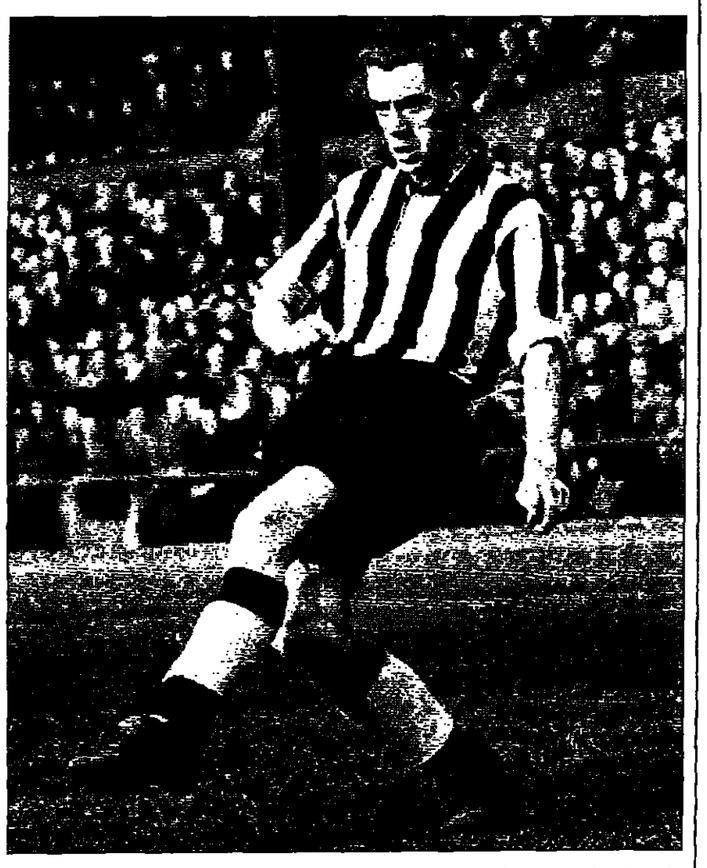
In 1989 he had delivered the Brancker Memorial lecture before the Chartered Institute of Transport on the requirements for the successful development of future British air transport.

In May of 1992 Stuart suffered a severe heart attack from which he had appeared to have recovered.

Charles Stuart married Anne Grace Mingo in 1951. She survives him together with their two daughters and a son.

BOBBY MITCHELL

Bobby Mitchell, Newcastle United and Scotland international footballer died in hospital in Tyneside on April 8 aged 68. He was born in Glasgow on August 16, 1924.



BOBBY Mitchell played outside left for Newcastle United in three FA Cup-winning sides in five seasons in the 1950s.

One of the supreme entertainers of football in the post-war era, he cost Newcastle £16,000, at that time a record fee for a winger, when he was transferred from third division Lanark in February 1949. He had already been selected to play for the Scottish League representative side, but he achieved full international recognition when he moved south of the border and played alongside the Newcastle giants of the time, Jackie Milburn, Joe Harvey, Ernie Taylor, Jimmy Scoular, Bob Stokoe, Vic Keeble and the Robledo brothers.

Mitchell's debut for Newcastle was against arch rivals Sunderland and he made a total 408 appearances in the club's famous black and white striped shirts scoring 113 goals. The fact that he won only two caps for Scotland, in victories against Denmark and France in Glasgow in May 1951, was purely because of the brilliance of one of his contemporaries, Billy Liddell, the Liverpool winger.

On Tyneside Mitchell was a hero; the phrase "Bobby Dazzler" was coined to admire his talents. In an era when Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney were in their prime Mitchell had few other equals as a winger. He was a delight to watch and thrilled crowds with his skill and his mazy dribbles. Mitchell liked the ball played to his feet so that he could then attack and torment his opposing full back.

Newcastle, with "Wor Jackie" Milburn and Mitchell, went to Wembley in 1951, 1952 and 1955. Milburn scored the goals in the 2-0 defeat of Blackpool in the 1951 FA Cup final; George Robledo scored in the 1-0 defeat of Arsenal a year later; and Mitchell, alongside Milburn and George Hannah, scored when Manchester City were defeated 3-1 in 1955.

Mitchell stayed at St James' Park, Newcastle, until his mid-thirties; some idea of the affection in which he was held was reflected by an attendance of 41,000 when a testimonial was staged for him in 1961.

He moved to Berwick Rangers that year and later became player-manager at Gateshead before becoming a publican in Newcastle, the city that had revered him for more than a decade.

B. H. MONTGOMERY

Baron Harleigh Montgomery, headmaster of King Alfred School, Hampstead, 1944-62, died on March 19 aged 90. He was born on April 11, 1902.

FOUNDED in 1898, King Alfred School, on the way down from Hampstead Heath to Golders Green, has held up the flag of progressive education in London for nearly a hundred years. Its survival owes much to one man who, in all, devoted over 25 years of his life to it.

B. H. Montgomery — he disliked his christian names and scorned their use — originally came to King Alfred in 1932 straight out of Oxford, where he had read English and taken a diploma in education. His first job was to teach geography and to act as a form master in the Middle School. Though a shy man, he was an impressive teacher — probably more at ease with children than with adults. He had a gift for interesting his pupils without in any way imposing rote learning. He also produced plays for the school, effortlessly getting even 11-year-olds to learn their lines.

With the outbreak of war in 1939, St Alfred's was evacuated to Royston in Hertfordshire, and "Monty," as he was by now universally known, had to play his part in coping with the difficult adjustment of turning what had always been a day school into, at least temporarily, a boarding one. The strain was particularly heavy on him as he had by now a wife and a young baby and it was no surprise when he left in 1940 to gain teaching experience elsewhere.

In 1944, however, the governors of a now sadly depleted King Alfred's invited him back to take over the headship on the school's return to its former premises at Manor Wood. It was not a particularly enviable inheritance. The school's buildings had been requisitioned by the War Office and were in a poor state, lacking even such amenities as taps or door-handles. The playing-field, too, had been used for five years for motor-cycle instruction and had to be entirely relaid. Fortunately, Monty possessed genuine DIY aptitudes and within two years school and playing-field were back to normal.

In a way, an even more formidable challenge lay in instilling the spirit of the school into a fresh staff and a whole range of new and old pupils — many of whom had been scattered to the winds during the war years. Monty's quiet authority, and total commitment to the progressive ethos in education, enabled him to bring off this task, too.

That did not, however, prevent King Alfred's going through a difficult period in the 1950s, when its woman joint-head departed (the school had been one of those that pioneered co-education) and there was some dissension over the choice of her successor. By now an almost "Mr Chips" figure, Montgomery's own calmness helped the whole community to weather this storm.

His first wife died leaving him with a comparatively young daughter to bring up but he eventually remarried, retiring with his second wife Mary to Dorset, where he spent the last 30 years of his life.

HUDSON NTSANWISI

Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, chief minister of the South African "black homeland" of *Gazankulu*, died on March 25 of leukaemia in Johannesburg aged 72. He was born on July 11, 1920, at the Shiluvane *mission station near* Tzaneen, northern Transvaal.

HUDSON NTSANWISI kept a firm grip on the tiny black bantustan in the northern Transvaal for 23 years. His subjects rose against him only once, in 1990, but he displayed the essential skills of a politician and a survivor, and rode out the storm. He so dominated his charge that he leaves it without any obvious successor.

Hudson William Edison Ntsanwisi was educated first at primary school in Shiluvane, where he passed standard six in 1935. He qualified as a teacher at the Lemana training college near Elim, and taught at a number of schools including Emmarentia Geldenhuys *High and founded Shiluvane* secondary school.

He read African studies and English at Fort Hare University for a BA degree, and then was promoted to schools inspector in Pietersburg, and later seconded to the University of the North. He obtained a correspondence course MA with Unisa, (the University of South Africa) the country's campus-less university, later studying linguistics at Georgetown University and the Hartford seminary foundation in the United States. When he returned to the University of the North he occupied the chair of African Languages.

In 1969 he left the university to take charge of what was then known as the Tsonga-Shangaan Territorial Authority. The process of the separate development of South Africa's ethnic groups involved the establishment of a series of homelands for each tribal group of blacks. The Tsonga-Shangaans were of Nguni stock (that is, related to the Ndebele, Zulu and Xhosa tribes) though their language was not intelligible to the other branches. In 1973, Gazankulu was granted self-government, through the terms of the Bantu Homelands Constitution act of 1971.

Ntsanwisi declared himself a firm opponent of apartheid, but argued that black people had to involve themselves in any mechanism that could be used to fight white supremacy. At the height of black opposition to any form of participation in white-created structures he argued that his was just another way of advancing the struggle. Others might engage in armed insurrection: he believed that by working within the apartheid structures and by tackling the white authorities day by day he could improve the lot of his people. He saw education and the dissemination of other services as the most efficient way of raising standards, and eventually freeing the black people from oppression.

His was a comfortable existence, and he was not seriously tested for many years. Indeed, like many other politicians on the continent he built himself a commercial empire while in power, with a number of businesses owned directly by him or by his children.

He was not a natural democrat. His rule brooked no opposition, and he was said to have governed with an iron fist.

But in 1990 South Africa began its journey along the road to change and a democratic form of government. Ntsanwisi found that he was not as popular as he had imagined. His hitherto docile subjects were now demanding



his head. Local hotels and supermarkets which had loyally maintained his portrait in their foyers prudently took his image down. Students boycotted classes. His own civil service stopped work for two months to persuade him to quit. He allowed, in an interview, that he had been deeply hurt by the insults and betrayal of his own people.

"If I had served the Lord my God with half the zeal I served them, He would have saved me," he said.

But in the end he outfoxed them. He joined the African National Congress and made the trip to Johannesburg to make his peace with Nelson Mandela. He joined with four other bantustan leaders to pledge his loyalty to the liberation cause. Three years later he was still in charge.

He is survived by his wife Beatrice, two sons and two daughters.

EDWARD WILSON

Edward H. Wilson, co-founder of the American Humanist Association, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 26 aged 94. He was born in Concord, Massachusetts, on August 23, 1898.

BORN into a Unitarian family, Edward Wilson grew up in a community where, as his father told him, "the people worship God Almighty half the time and Ralph Waldo Emerson the other." It was a dichotomy at the root of a then deep division in the Unitarian church, with Humanists trying to dislodge the church establishment from its orthodox Christianity. Wilson was studying at the Unitarian Theological School in Pennsylvania when he decided to throw in his lot with the Humanists at a time when like-minded students were being expelled: "I did all my required class work but I spent my own time avidly reading everything about humanism that I could lay hands on. By mid-June in 1924 I had said to myself: 'That is it! Humanism has time, science, and human need on its side. I'll stick with it!'"

It proved to be a lifetime commitment. In 1928 Wilson became the first managing editor of *The New Humanist Magazine*, and was a primary author of the "Humanist *Manifesto*," published by the magazine in 1933.

Using the Rationalist Press Association of England as a model, Wilson and his colleagues formed the Humanist Press Association to run the magazine. In 1941, with the group now joined by the philosopher John Dewey, this became the American Humanist Association, and the name of the publication changed to *The Humanist*, with Wilson as its first editor.

He remained a Unitarian pastor but founded the Fellowship of Religious Humanists in 1964 as an independent affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is survived by two sons.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

The National Gallery was opened to the public yesterday for the first time after a somewhat prolonged recess. It is generally known that the rooms in which the pictures are hung are but badly calculated for the purpose, and that the interior of the place is more than commensurate in defects with the absurdities and bad taste of the outside. Those who have seen the pictures in the Louvre, at Paris, though the place in which they are hung is not particularly well adapted for the occasion, will readily admit that they have a better chance of being seen to advantage, even in that building, than those of the English National Gallery, in the contemptible closets of the pie-crust edifice on the north side of Charing-cross. It is distressing to the eye of taste to see the manner in which the pictures are hid in the little receptacles in which they are now deposited, and it is disgraceful to the national respectability to tolerate the existence, much more the original erection, of such a honeycomb of cells for the exhibition of those great works of art, on which so much money has been vainly lavished.

The place was yesterday crowded with visitors, who seemed, for the most part, doubtful whether or not they had mistaken the nature of the building they had entered, and many of whom were inquiring of the attendants in what part of it the gallery was situated. Bad pictures—and there are not a few of such a class—stand forth in prominent obtrusion, and good ones appear to shrink into the privacy of retirement to avoid the contact of their flaunting companions. So much has been said about the great majority of the pictures of which the collection is composed, that it is unnecessary to go into any further detail of their merits and defects. There is a picture of Kemble as Hamlet, by the late President, quite unfit for this place: a Lord Ligonier by Sir Joshua, a fine portrait; opposite to which is a portrait of a lady, by Lawrence, but not worthy of that great artist. In the same room with these three last is the worst of the additions, a huge unmeaning gallery picture—"Religion and the Virtues," by A. Kauffman. It is perfectly absurd to see a thing of this sort occupying the space it does on the walls of an edifice erected to contain the highest specimens of genius!

ON THIS DAY

April 10 1838

The National Gallery got a hostile reception when it opened on its new site in Trafalgar Square. Several improvements and extensions followed.

NEWS

Hume seeks Pope's guidance

■ Cardinal Basil Hume is to fly to the Vatican next week for guidance on how the Roman Catholic church might welcome the hundreds of Anglican clergy threatening to defect over the ordination of women.

The move comes as the Archbishop of Canterbury prepares to meet the Church of England's most senior opponent of women priests .....Page 1

Teachers plan tests boycott

■ Leaders of Britain's biggest teaching union raised the stakes in the dispute over the government's compulsory classroom tests by threatening a two-year boycott in primary and secondary schools. The decision could herald the end of the tests as a national exercise ..... Page 1

Troops thwarted

The United Nations suffered yet another setback in its struggle to bring peace to Bosnia-Herzegovina when the Bosnian Serbs refused to allow Canadian troops into Srebrenica .....Pages 1, 12

Caught out

Pakistan's cricket tour of the West Indies was in danger after four players were charged with "constructive possession of marijuana" ..... Pages 1, 30

Patients questioned

Women treated by a hypnotherapist suspected of sexually assaulting and filming up to 40 patients are being interviewed by detectives ..... Pages 1, 5

Fugitive found

Pearse McAuley, one of the two IRA suspects who escaped from Brixton jail nearly two years ago, was arrested as he stepped off a train in Dublin ..... Page 2

Vans for inmates

Urgent changes are to be made to vans used in privatised prison escort duties after design faults were blamed for escapes by two prisoners ..... Page 3

Community spirit

More than 70,000 Christians are meeting this weekend at four Butlins holiday camps to celebrate Easter ..... Page 7

Act of remembrance

The IRA bombing that destroyed the Baltic Exchange in the City of London a year ago still haunts Danny Carter. Today, he will lay a wreath where his daughter died ..... Page 10

Waiting for a verdict

A mood of hysteria has settled on Los Angeles as it awaits a verdict in the second federal trial of four policemen accused of violating the civil rights of Rodney King in March last year ..... Page 11

Staving off scandal

Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, met his number two, Alfonso Guerra, in an attempt to prevent their differences from splitting the ruling Socialist party ..... Page 13

Scientists gear up for Mars mission

■ A fleet of remote-controlled vehicles the size of toy lorries could soon be rumbling across Mars. Nasa, the American space agency, is planning a network of low-cost scientific stations, each with a small lorry carrying instruments and a camera. The plan is to study the rocks and climate ....Page 5



Peace mission: Somali women in Kismayu, the war-torn southern port, demonstrating for an end to the country's fighting as Admiral Jonathan Howe, the special delegate sent by the United Nations secretary-general, made his first visit to the region

BUSINESS

Fixed loans: Forty per cent of all mortgage applications are for fixed-rate deals, compared with 5 to 10 per cent a year ago, as homeowners gamble on rates being at their lowest ebb ..... Pages 15, 19

Bank plea: MP Keith Vaz, who has championed the case of investors hit by the collapse of BCCI, is calling for an enquiry after the Roxburghe Bank, a small bank serving the Asian community, was closed ..... Page 19

Names named: Lloyd's agents are going to court for a ruling on whether names who have not paid debts on loss-making syndicates are entitled to sue the agents concerned ..... Page 19

Fast food: A new operator for some of Britain's motorway cafés is promising to forgo the traditional sausage, egg and chips in favour of continental-style gourmet cooking, with croissants, salads and freshly-brewed coffee ..... Page 21

SPORT

Motor racing: Ayrton Senna enhanced his reputation as a sublime wet-weather driver when he emerged through plumes of spray at Donington to set the fastest qualifying time for the Grand Prix of Europe tomorrow ..... Page 30

Golf: Jack Nicklaus has astounded everyone, not just the golfing world, with his five-under par 67, at the age of 53, giving him the joint lead on the first day of the present Masters tournament. Yet the beauty of golf, David Miller writes, is that it is a game for all ages ..... Page 34

Rugby league: St Helens remained on top of the first division after their 8-8 draw with second-placed Wigan at Central Park ..... Page 32

Football: Norwich City were beaten 5-1 by Tottenham Hotspur to hand the initiative in the Premier League title race to Manchester United and Aston Villa, who are in action today ..... Page 36

WEEKEND

A question of faith: Amid urban deprivation and rural tranquility, two Church of England clergy prepare for Easter. Celia Brayfield reports on the different challenges facing a broad church ..... Page 1

Food and drink: Frances Bissell on the delights of Spanish snack-bars: and Jane MacQuitty debunks the myths about eggs, including chocolate ones ..... Pages 4, 5

Children's Easter: Kari Knight provides an A-Z listing of family activities to keep everyone happy over the holiday period ..... Page 9

Shoestring chic: New Yorkers have turned their backs on the power dressing of the 1980s. Now, anything goes as long as it is creative, confident and, preferably, cheap ..... Page 11

The smallest royal: Why is Prince Charles only three inches tall? David Flusfeder explains in his guide to being well-programmed for the week's television .... Page 18

ARTS

The Jazz Singer: Pop superstar Diana Ross strikes all the right poses, but she still sounds out of her depth as a jazz singer, as her latest album reveals. But Ella Fitzgerald, the greatest female singer of them all, turns 75 this month, an event marked by the release of a superb double album ..... Page 14

Degenerate music: The authorities of Nazi Germany were all too successful in suppressing the music they did not want played. Now Decca has launched a three-year plan to revive some of the works that were once branded "degenerate". To judge by the first two issues, operas by Krenek and Korngold, this is a scheme on a grand scale ..... Page 14

Born again: Religious art, so often ignored in Britain, is being celebrated in a new exhibition in Northampton that looks at 20th-century British images of Christ ..... Page 14

TV LISTINGS

Deborah Grant and Oliver Cotton head rival families battling for control of a seaside resort in *Westbeach* (BBC1, today, 9.10pm) .... Page 16

OPINION

Legacy of war

Every small, subsequent German move towards military involvement abroad will be the subject of agonising self-analysis as well as political bargaining ..... Page 15

Fixed in stone

The increasing popularity of fixed-rate mortgages may do by stealth what the exchange-rate mechanism did openly: gradually restrict the government's room for economic manoeuvre ..... Page 15

Reassuring the patient

For conscientious hypnotherapists, as well as those in conventional medicine who admire its humane — and inexpensive — effects, there would be much to gain from serious collaborative efforts to regularise its practice ..... Page 15

COLUMNS

EDWARD NORMAN

Christianity is not a religion that depends for its authority or authenticity upon individual experience: it is objectively true ..... Page 15

LEWIS WOLPERT

Faith and reason can live side by side provided one does not try to reconcile them ..... Page 14

LETTERS

Correspondents attack the Church of England for endorsing religious education with "grossly inadequate Christian content" ..... Page 15

THE PAPERS

The chief target at the regional conference on human rights held recently in Bangkok wasn't Iraq, with its ritual slaughter of Kurds. The main target was the West. The message was simple: Back off. Let the Asian way make its own course

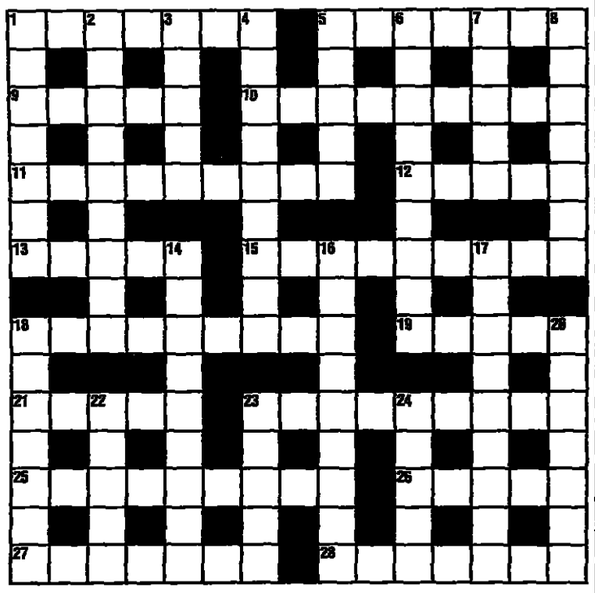
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,201

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ACROSS

1 Like a lout unacceptable in a Continental church (7).
5 Marine creature's pungent smell overwhelms traveller (7).
9 Possibly Jacob's son Uriah (5).
10 Tranquil-sounding type in 23 *ac* (9).
11 *Presumption of a king with no* grace, perhaps (9).
12 *Supporter of treacherous person* executed (5).
13 Articles about Trojan leader are in character (5).
15 Many chats confused constituents in Chichester, possibly (9).
18 Concerning a second girl, her prophecies were not believed (9).
19 Put to death in a Brooklyn churchyard (5).
21 Furious at being black and blue (5).
23 Appearing to be in authority in community residence (9).
25 *Iberian, for example,* finds university in Naples quite different (9).
26 Something fishy about this lucky break (5).
27 Belated deliveries? Exactly (7).
28 Composer excelled without having much knowledge (7).

DOWN

1 Put out about celebrity being a parvenu (7).
2 Miserable not to applaud so much (9).
3 Cease to maintain training in gun assembly (5).
4 Overworked East London journalist (9).
5 *Abrupt, his abandoning this* language (5).
6 Essential as the Spanish soldiers in recent uprising (9).
7 Creature crossing road is astray (5).
8 Mischievous sprite has the key to get Merlin out (7).
14 Relinquished a plot to constrain a new boy (9).
16 Old soldier's bodyguard put tea in post (5-4).
17 Married woman — one of five on the catwalk (9).
18 *Sea nymph's extemporized* ballad (7).
20 Consider accommodating, say, displaced American rustic (7).
22 *Goddess's final direction* to change the meeting-place (5).
23 *Timid type* taking maiden on river (5).
24 First-class air force officers taking off in Bulgaria (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,195

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Jumbo Crossword page 12 Weekend

WEATHER

Dry and bright in many areas, but with rain in the South later.

After a foggy start, central, southern and western England and Wales, Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will be mainly dry, while the South West will have rain. The East will become cloudy with patchy drizzle. Western Scotland will be dry and bright, while eastern Scotland will see patchy rain. Outlook: brighter over northern parts, unsettled further south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Luxor	29	84	s
Alicatti	18	66	f	Madrid	20	68	f
Alex'dria	17	63	s	Majorca	19	66	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Amst'dm	12	54	s	Malta	19	66	f
Athens	13	55	r	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Bahrain	26	79	r	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Miami*	26	79	c
Barbads*	30	86	s	Milan	16	61	f
Barcelna	16	67	s	Montreal*	13	55	s
Beirut	19	66	s	Moscow	6	43	r
Belgrade	10	50	c	Munich	10	50	s
Berlin	5	41	f	Naples	19	66	s
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	15	59	c	N York*	17	63	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	13	55	s	Oslo	4	39	s
Budapst	11	52	c	Paris	15	59	f
B Aires*	19	66	s	Peking	9	48	c
Cairo	28	82	f	Perth	24	75	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Prague	4	39	c
Chicago*	12	54	r	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rhodes	16	61	f
Cologne	13	55	s	Rio de J	24	75	f
C'phgn	5	41	s	Riyadh	23	73	f
Corfu	18	64	s	Rome	17	63	s
Dublin	10	50	r	Salzburg	11	52	s
Dubrovnik	16	61	s	S Frisco*	16	61	f
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	25	77	s
Florence	20	68	s	Seoul	9	48	s
Frankfurt	13	55	s	Sing'por	30	86	t
Funchal	19	66	c	St'kholm	3	37	s
Geneva	12	54	f	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Sydney	20	68	f
Helsinki	0	32	s	Tangier	18	66	f
Hong K	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Innsbruck	13	55	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	11	52	f	Tokyo	13	55	r
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	14	57	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	21	70	s
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	23	73	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	r
Le Tquet	12	54	f	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Vienna	8	46	c
Locarno	15	59	c	Warsaw	2	36	c
London	11	52	r	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'ton	16	61	r
Luxembg	12	54	s	Zurich	12	54	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.56	6	43	rain
Anglesey	0.4	0.48	11	52	rain
Aviemore	-	0.01	8	46	shower
Belfast	0.3	0.54	11	52	rain
Birmingham	-	0.80	9	48	rain
Bognor Regis	0.6	0.48	10	50	rain
Bournemouth	0.6	0.85	12	54	thundr
Buxton	-	0.79	7	45	rain
Cardiff	4.4	0.55	14	57	shower
Clacton	-	0.21	8	46	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.7	0.22	14	57	shower
Cromer	x	0.14	9	48	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.26	8	46	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.57	7	45	rain
Exmouth	1.9	0.76	14	57	rain
Falmouth	5.1	0.37	14	57	sunny
Folkestone	-	0.16	10	50	rain
Glasgow	-	1.16	9	48	rain
Hastings	-	0.39	9	48	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.26	9	48	rain
Isle Of Man	-	0.57	10	50	fog
Jersey	2.6	0.03	13	55	bright
Leeds	-	0.73	8	46	rain
Lerwick	-	0.17	6	43	rain
Littlehampton	0.2	0.71	11	52	rain
Liverpool	-	0.72	12	54	rain
London	-	0.50	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.02	8	46	rain
Manchester	-	0.53	11	52	rain
Margate	-	0.08	10	50	rain
Morecambe	-	0.52	11	52	rain
Newcastle	-	0.48	6	43	rain
Newquay	5.1	0.35	11	52	bright
Nottingham	-	0.81	8	46	rain
Penzance	7.0	0.59	13	55	sunny
Plymouth	4.8	0.29	13	55	sunny
Poole	0.2	0.95	12	54	thundr
Sandown	0.7	0.30	11	52	rain
Saunton Snd	3.2	0.14	-	x	bright
Scarborough	-	0.20	8	46	rain
Scilly Isles	9.7	0.60	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	0.2	0.35	10	50	rain
Southend	-	0.39	11	52	rain
Southsea	0.4	0.41	11	52	rain
Stornoway	-	0.46	9	48	rain
Swanage	0.4	0.54	12	54	shower
Teignmouth	2.2	0.69	15	59	rain
Tenby	-	0.78	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.47	9	48	rain
Torquay	2.6	0.62	16	61	rain
Wick	-	0.03	7	45	rain
Worthing	0.1	0.41	10	50	rain

x denotes not available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.49 pm to 6.16 am
Bristol 7.59 pm to 6.26 am
Edinburgh 8.09 pm to 6.20 am
Manchester 8.01 pm to 6.21 am
Penzance 8.08 pm to 6.40 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.15 Sun sets: 7.49
Moon rises: Moon sets: 8.07

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London 7.51 pm to 6.14 am
Bristol 8.00 pm to 6.24 am
Edinburgh 8.11 pm to 6.18 am
Manchester 8.03 pm to 6.19 am
Penzance 8.10 pm to 6.38 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 6.14 am Sun sets: 7.51 pm
Moon rises: 12.57 Moon sets: 9.02

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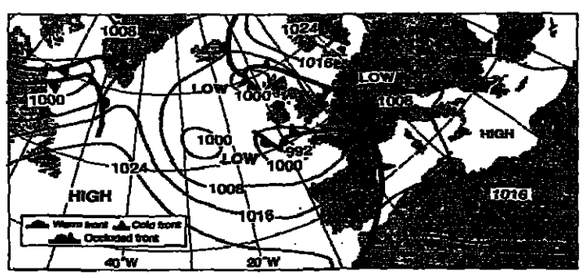
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Germany Dm	2.59	2.39
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Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	239.50	221.50
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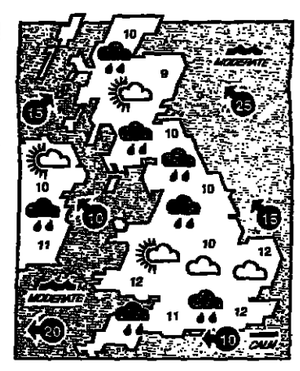
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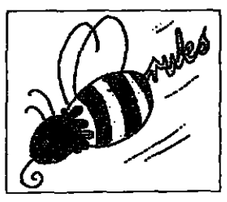
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US $ ..... 1.5258 (+0.0123)
German mark.. 2.4542 (+0.0073)
Exchange index ..... 80.1 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2821.8 (-0.3)
Dow Jones ..... 3396.48 (-0.54)
Nikkei Avg .. 19892.18 (-75.09)*

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅞-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds 2¾%
3-month Treas Bills.. 2.91-2.89%
Long Bond 6.89%

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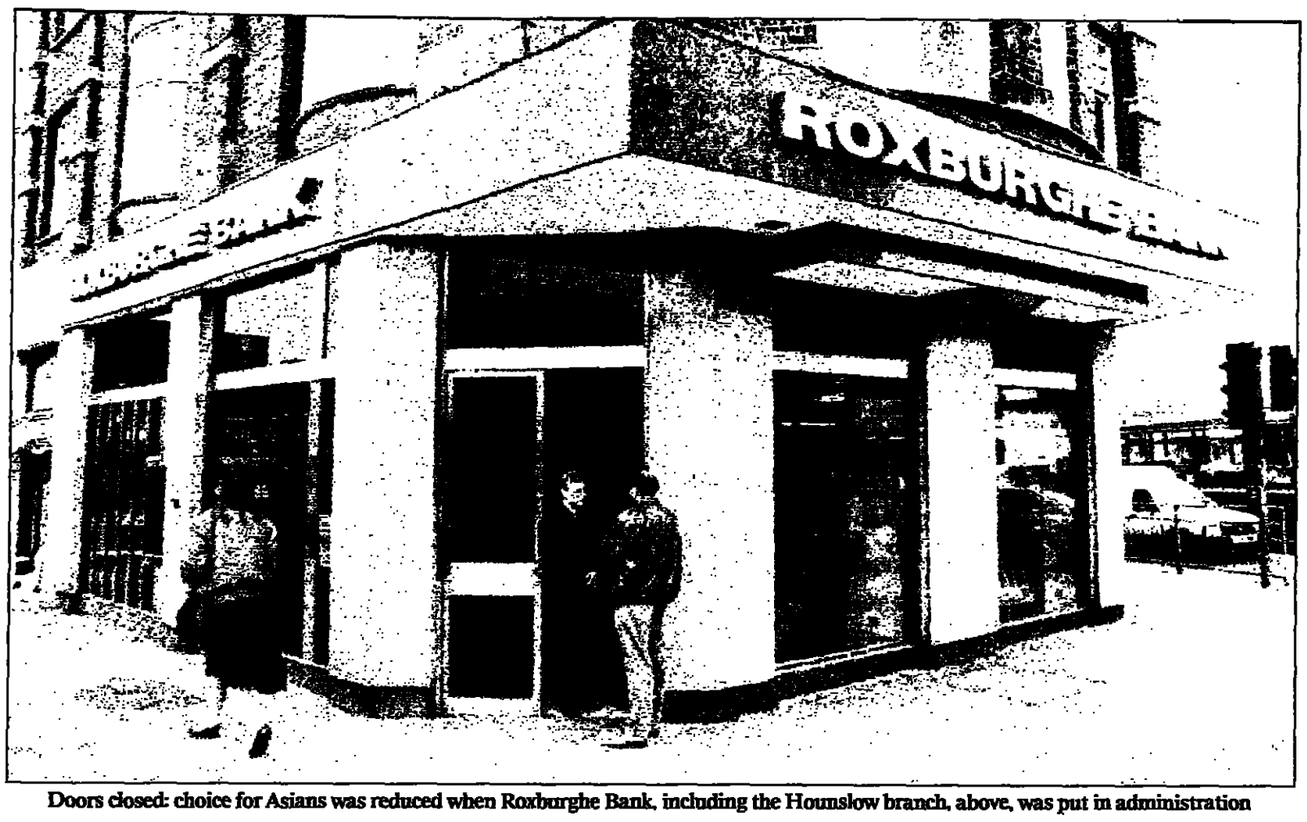
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London *Fixing* ($):
AM 337.85 ..... PM 337.50
Close 336.80-337.30
New York:
Comex 337.35-337.85

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RPI.. ... 138.8 February (1.8%)
Thursday's closing figures
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Doors closed: choice for Asians was reduced when Roxburghe Bank, including the Hounslow branch, above, was put in administration

Lamont to be asked for enquiry on Roxburghe

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

KEITH Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, is to return early from honeymoon in Goa to ask Norman Lamont for an enquiry into the placing of Roxburghe Bank into administration *so soon after Equatorial* Bank, which also served the Asian community, went into administration.

Roxburghe's closure leaves the Asian community in Britain with only one bank after the collapse of BCCI, the administration of Mount Banking and the announcement from Albaraka International *last week that it was to* stop taking deposits and return money to customers.

The Bank of England is understood to take the view that the closure of the Albaraka bank was over imposing new rules on regulation, after the BCCI collapse, while it sees the other closures of banks serving the Asian community as the reflection of small banks operating during a recession. Albaraka was the only bank in Europe run on Islamic principles.

Mr Vaz, who will return on Wednesday, is concerned about banking services to the *Asian community in Britain*, which he says contributed £7,500 million to economic growth last year. He explains that after the BCCI collapse many Asians turned to Roxburghe, Equatorial and the others for refinancing. He says: "I think the Bank of England has a lot of explaining to do."

Mr Vaz says that Brian *Quinn, the Bank of England* executive director responsible for banking supervision, went out of his way last week to assure him that there was no conspiracy. Mr Vaz said he *met* Mr Quinn about Equatorial Bank and to express concern over Roxburghe. Mr Vaz says he was told by Mr Quinn that the Bank of England was only prepared to support a bank where there was a "systemic" reason such as when there had been a loss of confi*dence. The Bank has already* made public its policy of supporting banks only when a domino effect threatens the British banking system.

The Bank has stated that there was support "for a few small banks" in 1991. Mr Vaz quoted Mr Quinn as saying the run of closures of banks serving the Asian community was all a *coincidence. Mr Quinn also* said that Albaraka was "a model of Islamic Banking."

Albaraka said it stopped taking deposits because of a dispute with the Bank of England which was concerned that it could not be supervised *in line with international* standards because of its structure. Albaraka was wholly owned by Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel. The Bank is understood to have been pressing for changes in the supervisory arrangements under which Albaraka would answer to one global regulator instead of dealing with regulators in *each separate country.*



Vaz: concerned

Interest rise fears prompt fixed-rate mortgage rush

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

More than one in three homeowners, concerned that interest rates may start to rise, are opting for fixed-rate mortgages and securing their future costs

HOMEBUYERS are snapping up fixed-rate mortgages at the rate of more than 3,000 a day. The move back to fixed rates after three decades when variable-rate *loans have been the norm is* caused by fears that interest rates could rise again.

During the first quarter, about 40 per cent of applications were for fixed-rate mortgages, compared with 5 to 10 per cent in the same period last year. The proportion could have been higher but for the fact that lenders usually require a larger deposit for fixed-rate mortgages.

The figures are likely to rise even more quickly in the coming months because Abbey National, the second largest lender, accounting for about 14 per cent of the mortgage market, last month *withdrew discounts for first-*time buyers and is encouraging them to fix their mortgage rates. Fixed-rate mortgage offers of about 6 per cent are being used to attract buyers into the market and to tempt existing borrowers to change their bank or building society. Those buying repossessed properties can find rates fixed at *less than* 5 per cent. These compare with standard variable mortgages at 7.99 per cent. Some deals with rates fixed for six to nine months cost as little as 4 per cent.

Abbey, which was the first society to offer fixed-rate mortgages in 1988, now offers a *fixed rate until November next* year at 6.25 per cent, or 7.25 per cent until May 1996. Other borrowers are being offered 6.85 per cent to November next year, up to 8.59 per cent to January 1998.

The Halifax, which is currently receiving more than 1,400 mortgage applications a day, estimates that 40 per *cent are for fixed-rate* mortgages. The society accounts for 18 per cent of the mortgage market. Among its eight fixed-rate mortgages, it offers 6.25 per cent until January 1995 for first-time buyers and 6.99 per cent until July 1995 for borrowers who can provide a 25 per cent deposit.

National & Provincial, the seventh largest society, offers a new range of 16 fixed-rate mortgages over five time scales. The lowest rate is 5.99 per cent for those who can put down 25 per cent on a loan *fixed until June next year.* Those who can put down only 5 per cent but want five years of mortgage certainty are charged 8.5 per cent.

National Westminster Bank launches three fixed-rate mortgages on Thursday, with guarantees to May 1995 at 6.79 per cent and to May 2003 at 8.79 per cent.

The move towards fixed-rate mortgages could make it easier for the government to change the way it calculates the retail prices index. Currently, this includes variable mortgage interest rates. The *government has long wanted* to drop from the official statistic the mortgage rate, which can push the inflation rate up 0.4 per cent for every 1 per cent of mortgage increase. This year, when pensions and benefits will have to rise by more than the RPI rate to take account of value-added tax on *fuel, would be an ideal time to* drop the mortgage figure from the calculations as pensioners and poorer families are less likely to have mortgages.

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Names face 'pay first, sue later' ruling

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 1,000 Lloyd's names on the Feltrim and Gooda Walker syndicates may be barred from legal action seeking to recover billions of pounds worth of insurance *losses arising from the excess-*of-loss spiral.

A pre-court hearing, set for early May, is due to rule on whether names are able to sue members' agents responsible for placing them on the syndicates when they have not paid *their losses in full. The agen*cies are arguing that, under the terms of their contracts, names must "pay first, sue later".

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group representing more than 2,000 names, said the argu*ment has implications for all* action groups trying to recoup losses through litigation. He *said: "An adverse ruling* would affect a lot of names because, while most have been forced to pay something by drawdowns on their deposits, many have not paid in full."

He said he thought the issue would apply to about half the 2,145 Gooda Walker names and 700 Feltrim names pursuing action.

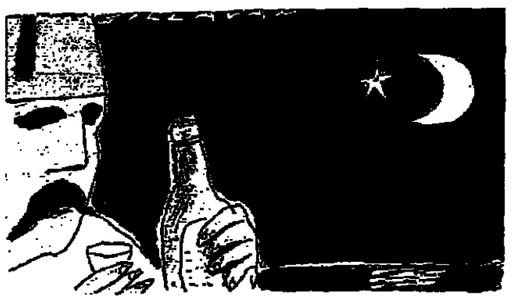
Gooda Walker names are fighting to recover £400 million of losses from 65 members' agencies and the two Gooda Walker managing agencies, while Feltrim names *are trying to recover £660* million from 59 members' agencies.

The argument was raised at a hearing last month, when the members' agents sought to throw out an attempt by the Feltrim names association to bring the court case forward to mid-September. The association was seeking a summary judgment, a means of speeding up the court process in situations when the plaintiffs believe they have a case to which the defendents have no arguable defence. This would avoid Feltrim names having to wait an estimated three years for a full trial.

A date has been set to consider the point in the first week of May and the summary judgment will follow on September 14.

Morocco bound for privatisation

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT



MOROCCO, confident that it is not under threat from the Islamic fundamentalism causing political turmoil in neighbouring Algeria, is pressing ahead with its privatisation programme this year.

Zine Zahid, minister for trade, industry and privatisation, told reporters in London *that he was especially looking* for British investors in the four and five-star hotels for sale from Marrakesh *to* Tangier. They have already been evaluated by an independent commission in preparation for disposal.

The three-year privatisation programme, which foresees the transfer to the private sector of 112 enterprises, includes two breweries — Brasseries du Maroc and Brasseries de Tanger — a *wine-making company and* 11 luxury hotels, all activities that raise fundamentalist hackles in other parts of the Arab world. The businesses to be sold represent 40 per cent of the government's holdings.

The government has kept a *close watch to prevent funda*mentalism establishing itself in Morocco. Mr Zahid said a different political and religious tradition meant that the country was not susceptible to fundamentalism.

He said the Casablanca stock exchange was undergoing reform and that unit trusts would be created for the first time.

*Despite the political sensi*tivity of the issue, the government has discreetly dropped restrictions on foreign ownership, *opening the way for* companies to be wholly owned by foreign investors. It has also moved to full convertability for its currency, *the dirham*, and unlimited transfer of investment earnings.

Morocco last year attracted $550 million of inward investment, half in the industrial sector. The economy has seen average real growth of 5 per cent a year since the mid-eighties, with average inflation below 6 per cent.

Mr Zahid said enterprises with foreign, mainly European, shareholders, account for a third of Morocco's industrial output and a third of its exports. And the main target for exports from low wage Morocco *is the* European Community.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Harry Hill**

The optimistic man of property

The head of Hambro Countrywide is ready to take advantage of a housing recovery, as **Sara McConnell** *discovered*

DES JENSON



Weather watcher: Harry Hill believes that a mild Easter weekend will bring out the missing house buyers

Harry Hill is hoping the weather will be unremarkable this weekend. If the sun shines, would-be housebuyers may be tempted to head for the beach. But if it is too cold, they will spend the Easter break huddled round their television sets. Neither too hot nor too cold, and estate agencies should be busy. Estate agents are the last to claim that their industry is an exact science.

The joint managing director of Hambro Countrywide, the biggest quoted estate agent, has some grounds for optimism based on recent experience. "If it is just a reasonable, temperate weekend, the sort of weekend which doesn't encourage people to rush out and walk the dog or whatever, then there is a chance that it will be good, because each of the past few weekends has been very, very busy. It is totally a matter of weather".

The importance of Easter is, however, more psychological than financial for Hambro Countrywide. As with all agents surviving one of the most protracted slumps in living memory, anything that makes potential buyers more enthusiastic is welcome. Agents have traditionally done brisk business over Easter as people come out of winter hibernation. But Easter weekend will not be make or break for Hambro Countrywide.

> 'If I were sacked and had to set up my own business I would employ only personable, good-looking females'

The signs are already there that business is starting to pick up, even if the green shoots are going to need a lot of nurturing. The Halifax and the Nationwide this week reported house price rises of 1.2 per cent and 1 per cent respectively in March, the biggest for four years.

The last four years have taken their toll of an industry whose hallmarks are overweening enthusiasm and optimism. Hambro Countrywide is no exception. As an agent whose stock in trade is the three-bedroomed semi and which likes to see itself as "the ordinary working man's estate agent", it has suffered throughout the recession along with its clients.

If the company reports a profit for the first half of 1993, which it hopes to "because we have had a great January, February and March", it will be the first time since 1990. In the last four years, the estate agency business has lost £21 million. "Those figures would be shameful if they weren't compared with everybody else, the Abbey National having announced that it had lost £236 million over five years. It is fairly well accepted that every other major group has lost in excess of £100 million in the last five years."

The market collapse that has spelt disaster for so many companies was due, Mr Hill believes, to Nigel Lawson's badly handled abolition of multiple tax relief on mortgage interest in 1988, "when the market frankly collapsed overnight". Buyers were given an August deadline in the March Budget and many rushed to buy with multiple tax relief. Mr Hill, who believes in plain speaking, does not stop at Mr Lawson. Many large institutions have mainly themselves to blame for their losses following their ill-fated attempts to set up chains of estate agencies, he claims. At the time, it seemed to institutions an easy way of selling endowments and other insurance policies to housebuyers on the back of house sales. "I would venture to say that the majority [of institutions] had very little idea about estate agency and bought offices because other institutions had done so and they did not want to miss out," Mr Hill said in a piece in this month's *Valuer* magazine.

Hambro Countrywide was also born in the housing boom, set up by Hambros Bank in 1986 out of the merger of Bairstow Eves and Mann and Co, two publicly quoted companies. However, Hambros resisted the urge to standardise and centralise, with the result that Bairstow, Mann & Co and the other agencies taken over by Hambro Countrywide have kept separate corporate identities and boards of directors. Mr Hill suggests this has given Hambro more flexibility to respond to conditions in different parts of the country.

The house market was booming in 1986, bringing the agent total profits of £57 million in the next three years. Mr Hill, a director of Mann & Co in 1986, became joint managing director of Hambro Countrywide in 1988, just in time to see the last throes of the 1988 boom. In March 1988 came Mr Lawson's misconceived attempt to soften the blow of abolishing multiple Miras relief by allowing people to qualify for it up to the beginning of August, thereby causing a huge rush to exchange contracts by the end of July. "Every conceivable pair of people, people who worked together, a chap who came back on the same bus as a girl, took advantage of the seeming licence to print money that the housing market was perceived as. It had to end in tears. There was no way that that trend could go on." The bubble burst in August 1988. Hambros sold half the number of houses in 1989 that it had in 1988. After that the recession closed in and confidence is slow to return. Agents have been partly sustained by occasional blips of activity, selling newly built and repossessed homes to housing associations flush with £750 million of government money last year, but are unlikely to see the sort of action they experienced at the end of the 1980s.

After 27 years as an estate agent, Mr Hill knows that most members of the public will not weep too many tears for the industry's problems but this does not make him any less irritated about what he sees as a distorted picture, mostly painted by the press, of estate agents as "flash young guys from south London with Brylcreemed hair and white socks driving a Capri far too fast".

He insists that most estate agents do not set out to mislead and are keen to match willing buyer with willing seller. "It is our job to try and sell people a home." The Property Misdescriptions Act, which came into force last Sunday, should not mean radical changes to Hambro Countrywide's existing practices, Mr Hill said.

It is hard to imagine Mr Hill himself as a Brylcreem-wearing south London wide boy. Certainly, he wants to sell houses — indeed, this is what he believes he is good at. But that is really quite by coincidence as he had no plans to become an estate agent. After being rejected for officer training at Sandhurst, joining the local firm of surveyors in his home town of Barnsley seemed marginally more exciting than being a bank clerk. By 1972, he was working in a Sheffield firm and had discovered his talent for selling. "I was 21, driving an MG Midget and earning £4,000 a year and life was pretty good." So good in fact that he believed he could do just as well or better setting up on his own.

He spent the next year driving up and down roads in a search for houses to buy, renovating them and selling them on. But the loneliness of life on the road soon became too much for him and he bought a partnership in David Bedford, a firm of Norfolk estate agents.

As he moved further south he started to notice a clear difference in the house buying mentalities of the North and South. Southern housebuyers are noticeably more fickle, Mr Hill believes, putting their homes with up to ten estate agents at a time, keener to avoid paying the agent's fee. "We have to keep meticulous records," he said.

Wherever they are in the country, estate agents work long, anti-social hours and need a lot of energy and enthusiasm, Mr Hill said. He, too, follows this pattern as "I don't believe that you can be the team captain and not play by the same rules". But, by his own admission, he will never have what he considers the most useful quality of the good estate agent, being a woman. "If I were sacked tomorrow and had to set up my own business I would employ only good looking personable females between the ages of 25 and 40. Most housebuyers are men, but most decision makers are women."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hillsdown compensates executive with £200,000

HILLSDOWN Holdings, the food processing, furniture and housebuilding company that will be chaired by Sir John Nott, the former cabinet minister, from the end of the month, paid £200,000 compensation for loss of office to Barry Legg, who left as company secretary in September to pursue his career as a Member of Parliament. Mr Legg's service contract was honoured because he left the company by mutual consent.

David Newton, the chief executive, received a £490,000 bonus for performance-related services in Canada between 1987 and 1992. Mr Newton went out to Canada for six months in 1987 and ended up staying there for five years, during which time he turned around Hillsdown's operations in the country. His ordinary salary rose from £236,000 to £262,000. Meanwhile, Sir Harry Solomon, 56, will step down as chairman at the end of the month. His salary slipped from £297,000 to £286,000 but his shareholding is documented at 5.38 million shares in the company's annual report. Sir Harry steps down to become a non-executive director.

Beckman cuts payout

A BECKMAN, the fabric converter and property investor, has cut the interim dividend to 1.2p a share from 1.63p despite reducing losses to £81,000 before tax, from £178,000, in the six months to end-December. The company said the reduction in the dividend reflected the prolonged economic recession, which showed no sign of abating in the second half. Turnover was £5.73 million against £5.8 million, but operating profits fell to £551,000 from £747,000.

St Botolph's lease sold

STANHOPE Properties said it had exchanged contracts to sell its head lease on St Botolph's House, in London, to Avondale Northern Estates, a Caledonia Investments subsidiary, for up to £24 million. The precise sum will be determined by "a number of commercial issues". Stanhope said. After repaying £15.75 million of Stanhope St Botolph's Ltd borrowings, the proceeds will fund group working capital. Stanhope will manage the property for Caledonia.

Magnolia profits fall

MAGNOLIA Group, maker and distributor of picture frames, is paying only a nominal dividend of 0.1p a share for 1992, when pre-tax profits fell to £84,000 from £401,000. A total dividend of 5.4p a share was paid the previous year. Trade remained depressed but sales of new machines for the industry were encouraging. Taxable profits included an exceptional charge of £208,000 for redundancy costs and reorganisation. Earnings were 1.89p a share (4.65p).

Oil output disputed

RUSSIA has underestimated last year's oil and gas condensate production by at least eight million tonnes (160,000 barrels per day), the *Moscow News* reported yesterday. It said output totalled about 408 million tonnes. The fuel and energy ministry put output at 398.8 million tonnes, while the state statistics office put the figure at 393 million tonnes. Their figures did not take into account non-state enterprises.

Ford dealership bought

SANDERSON Murray & Elder (Holdings), the northern motor distributor, has acquired Crystal Motor Group's Ford dealership and Iveco Ford truck centre in Hull for about £2 million. The consideration includes three freehold and leasehold sites in Hull, certain parts and used car stocks and plant, fixures and fittings. The dealership, which will trade as Sanderson Ford, complements Sanderson's existing Ford dealerships on the M62 in Manchester and Batley.

Bilton profit inches up

BILTON, the property, building and engineering company, reported profits of £17.7 million (£17.4 million) before tax in 1992 despite a decline in trading turnover to £10.4 million (£16.9 million). Earnings were 28.3p a share (27.7p). The final dividend is raised to 13.23p (12.33p), making 18.90p (18p). Pre-interest profit from trading and investment held steady at £21.59 million (£21.67 million). Estimated net asset value was 739p a share (731p).

IBM buys in Japan

IBM Japan, the Japanese arm of International Business Machines, is to buy an 18.2 per cent stake in Genex Corp, one of the largest commodity future information firms in Japan. Through this co-operation, IBM Japan aims to boost its presence in the domestic commodity information industry, which has developed significantly since 1990, it said. IBM Japan will send two sales and system managers to Genex to improve computer and software sales.

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Federal charges decision delayed

FROM AP IN WASHINGTON

JANET Reno, the attorney general, has said she will await the outcome of the trial in New York of Clark Clifford and Robert Altman, the Washington lawyers, before deciding whether to bring federal charges against them.

That could delay federal charges against Mr Clifford and Mr Altman in the BCCI international banking scandal until next year, if they are brought at all. Mr Clifford's New York trial is not scheduled to begin until October, and his attorney said the 86-year-old would not recover from his recent open-heart surgery until the year end.

Ms Reno said the two could face the same or tougher federal charges if the state prosecution did not lead to a "successful conclusion".

The Justice Department asked on Wednesday for federal charges against the two to be dismissed without prejudice, meaning they could be brought again. The department said the June 1 trial date would interfere with New York's prosecution of Mr Altman and that Mr Clifford would not be well enough to assist in his defence.



Altman: standing trial

Fears of renewed US inflation fade

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

FEARS of a resurgence in American inflation have proved premature, according to official statistics, out yesterday, that suggest a negligible 0.1 per cent rise in the consumer price index in March.

The news will be met with relief in the US bond markets, which were closed yesterday for the Good Friday bank holiday but reopen on Monday. The bond markets, having misinterpreted a series of signals pointing to a rise in prices, have recently reversed the post-election bull run of rapidly falling bond yields.

Yesterday's figures and Thursday's publication of the producer price index, which was similarly positive, confirm inflation is not among America's many economic problems.

According to labour department statistics, the consumer price index for urban consumers, America's closest thing to a comprehensive measure of inflation, was up by 0.1 per cent seasonally adjusted, having risen by 0.5 and 0.3 per cent in January and February. The main factor was a fall in the price of clothing.

The news is especially encouraging for houseowners since the mortgage rate, now about 7.5 per cent, is closely tied to the long end of the bond market. On Thursday bond yields on the 30-year Treasuries fell by 0.1 per cent to 6.85 per cent, encouraged by producer price figures. More improvements are expected on Monday.

The news also aids President Clinton's efforts to reform America's deficit-ridden economy. Low inflation will help keep mortgage and borrowing rates low, and increase the scope for tax increases to help cut the deficit and enact overdue structural reforms.

Bonn hopes for EC veto on steel plan

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE German government is relying on the European Commission to block a DM1 billion plan to modernise east Germany's surviving steel industry as a veto from Brussels would reduce the need for painful capacity cuts at west Germany's troubled and mainly private sector steel mills.

Although it faces mounting industrial unrest in eastern Germany, the Bonn government is concerned about over taxing west German tolerance, already strained by the huge cost of rebuilding the devastated east German economy. Transferring steel jobs from west to east could produce a political backlash in the recession-gripped west. The Treuhand privatisation agency last week approved a modernisation plan for Ekostahl, the steelmaker in east Germany.

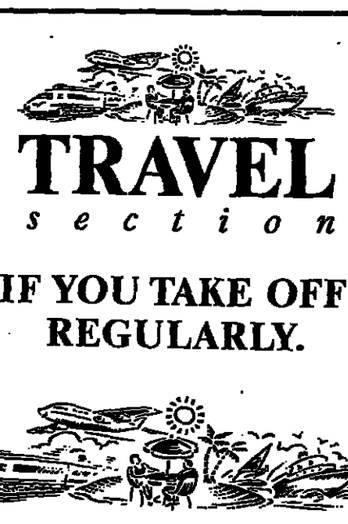
The economics ministry in Bonn has passed on the plan to Brussels, but Karel van Miert, the European competition commissioner, has let it be known that he cannot approve the scheme, which includes the construction of a DM300 million rolling mill. The scheme also foresees a halving of crude steel capacity to 1 million tonnes.

Leading west German steelmakers have put forward a proposal to end crude steel production at Ekostahl, with the works being supplied from western mills. That would ease the pressure on loss-making firms in the west to make further cuts in capacity beyond those already announced. The European Commission wants 30 million tonnes of crude steel capacity eliminated over the next two years, based on 85 per cent capacity usage in economically favourable times.

German industry calculations indicate that Germany will have to shed 5 million tonnes, while Spain and Italy, whose steelmakers have received huge subsidies, will need to eliminate 5 million and 9 million tonnes respectively.

The German steel industry association has told the government that its members will be able to finance the costs of capacity cuts only if they can improve capacity usage at their own plants and concentrate production at the most profitable plants.

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Minister sees heavy cuts in French rates

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FRENCH interest rates are set to fall substantially before the end of this year, according to Edmond Alphandery, the new French economics minister, in remarks that are likely to reinforce expectations for cuts in rates as early as next Tuesday.

In a radio interview, M Alphandery predicted a fall in French rates of several percentage points before the summer, encouraged by a package of new policies including the decision to make the Bank of France independent, a medium-term plan to cut the budget deficit and measures designed to strengthen long-term saving. He noted that three-month money had fallen by 1¼ points in the ten days since the new centre-right government was elected and said: "From now until the summer, you will see them falling very significantly."

Many economists had expected the new government to announce a cut in interest rates on Thursday, to coincide with the maiden policy speech of Edouard Balladur, France's new prime minister, but the Bank of France left them unchanged.

Now markets are expecting a move as early as Tuesday, when the Bank of France holds a money market tender. It could use this as an opportunity to announce a cut in its 12 per cent five-day repo rate to 10 per cent. A cut in the five-day rate, raised to 12 per cent this year to defend the franc, would mark a symbolic end to the rumbling currency crisis that has threatened to engulf the franc since last autumn. With the franc now trading steadily and money market interest rates falling, the 12 per cent rate is clearly too high.

However, a cut in the Bank of France's intervention rate, at 9.1 per cent, is unlikely until there have been further cuts in German official interest rates. The key remains the pace at which the Bundesbank is prepared to cut German rates. The greatest risk for the franc is that German rates do not fall quickly enough to allow substantial cuts in French rates quickly enough to halt the rise in unemployment, promote growth and help stop the budget deficit from deteriorating.

Economists at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities believe, on balance, that the government will avoid devaluing the franc and that the prospect of capital outflows from Germany as its economy weakens should ease tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism as the year progresses. They say: "The next couple of months could easily see the new government's commitment to the franc fort tested, particularly if the Danish look like voting "no" [to Maastricht] on May 18."

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Meals on wheels: Michael Guthrie wants to bring French standards to roadside eating

Putting good food on the motorway map

BY CARL MORTISHED

Forget fluffy bunnies and chocolate eggs; Easter these days means traffic jams and a chance for the family to sample the delights of motorway catering — usually sausage, egg and chips, the favoured meal of the prime minister.

But if Michael Guthrie, chairman of Pavilion, has his way, Britain's motorway cafes could soon be transformed into continental-style eating emporia serving croissants, pizzas, fresh salads, designer meals and freshlybrewed coffee.

Mr Guthrie is the former boss of Mecca, the leisure group that was taken over in a contested £600 million bid by Rank in 1990. He left Mecca during the bid battle, suffering from illness, but bounced back and helped his former adversaries at Rank to reduce borrowings by purchasing the company's 11 motorway service stations. The £100 million deal in 1991 was followed in February by the purchase of the Prima Pasta and Pizza Piazza chains from Rank for £20 million. Bright Reasons, Mr Guthrie's other corporate vehicle, will manage the pizza and pasta restaurants alongside Pizzaland, acquired from Grand Metropolitan in 1991.

According to Mr Guthrie, the 11 motorway sites were rebranded with Pavilion's green and yellow logo within four days but the longer term strategy involved finding out what motorists want from service stations. A survey of 4,000 users gave him some clues: "Top concern was toilets. Ablutions were absolutely key to people's perceptions of standards. They also wanted to see attendants like they have in France," he said.

Comparisons with continental service stations cropped up often in the survey and Pavilion seems to see France as the model, although American restaurant design seems to be a more likely source of inspiration. Pavilion has gone a step further and asked Keith Floyd, the television chef, to come up with a series of recipes to be served up in Pavilion restaurants as the Keith Floyd meal of the day.

Mr Guthrie says that when they took over the roadside cafes some had rows of red plastic seats and smelled of fish and chips. But the company has invested £11 million over the past 15 months in the new sites and intends to meet its target of £20 million over the two years since acquisition.

Pavilion's refurbished stations have the look of themed restaurants and Mr Guthrie has even included a Pizzaland at the Aust site near Bristol. A Burger King was introduced at Hilton Park on the M6 in December.

Mr Guthrie is a little defensive on the subject of pricing and admits that service stations had a bad name in the past for overcharging. He says Pavilion is not the most expensive but he does not want to get involved in a price war with competitors. Forte and Granada. "We have to charge more to cope with the peaks and troughs," he explains, adding that they are required by the government to be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and have to provide free toilet facilities and parking round the clock.

Pavilion's strategy is clearly to win over a public weary with junk food and indifferent service, but Mr Guthrie also beleives he can get brand recognition and appeal to high mileage drivers such as company reps and truckers, who might otherwise pass up a stop at a service station. Branding means more than just logos and fascias, it also means pictures of Mr Guthrie all over the premises, including the toilets, "to give the feeling of ownership". Customers are encouraged to write to him with their comments about standards of service. Apparently, the chairman's postbag is full.

Longer term, Pavilion could seek a float on the stock market if the need arose for further funds for expansion; the cost of building a motorway site from scratch can be £20 million. Meanwhile, Mr Guthrie has increased turnover on the 11 sites from £98 million in 1991 to £110 million last year.

His last challenge was to brighten up the nation's fading bingo halls. After motorway service stations, can we now look forward to better airport catering or perhaps pizzas on British Rail?

Tokyo concern grows as dollar falls to fresh low against yen

FROM AP IN TOKYO

THE dollar dipped to another record low against the yen yesterday. The US currency closed at Y113.15 in Tokyo, down Y0.50 from Thursday's finish and its lowest since the modern exchange rates were set up in the late-1940s.

Japanese government officials have been expressing concern over the yen's climb against the dollar, saying it will hurt export-oriented manufacturers. Yoshiro Hayashi, the finance minister, said that he may discuss the exchange rates with Lloyd Bentsen, the US treasury secretary, when he visits Tokyo to discuss aid to Russia next week.

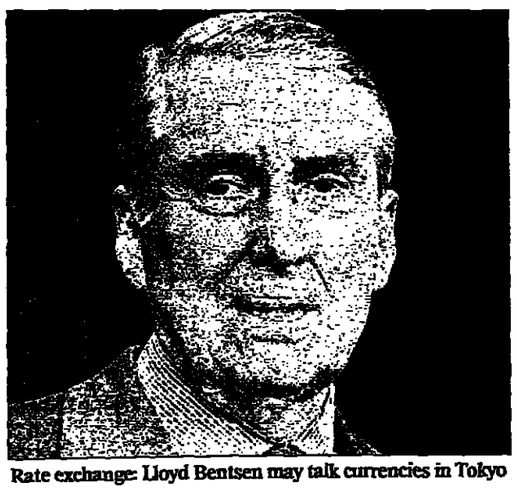
Analysts said there is strong demand for the yen among foreign investors amid signs of economic recovery in Japan, including strong gains on the stock market, while some scepticism about the pace the US recovery has emerged.

The dollar has closed at record lows on five of the last seven trading days in Tokyo. It has fallen a total of Y11.73, or 9.4 per cent, since February 2. After opening at Y113.55, the dollar moved no higher than Y113.58. In New York, it finished trading on Thursday at Y113.40, a new post-war low there.

There was speculation that Japan's central bank intervened to slow the yen's appreciation against the dollar yesterday. The Bank of Japan has stepped into the market several times since last week in an effort to stem the yen's surge, but little effect was expected unless the yen-selling was coordinated with the central banks of the United States and other wealthy nations.

On the Tokyo stock market, the Nikkei average fell 75.09 points, or 0.38 per cent, closing the week at 19,892.18. On Thursday, the average rose 138.04 points. The Nikkei was moderately higher at the end of the morning session but fell in the afternoon on selling by investment trust funds, dealers said.

Maki Fukushima, an analyst with Nikko Securities, said: "The market just saved momentum before heading higher next week." The Japanese government is to announce a major economy-bolstering package next week.



Rate exchange: Lloyd Bentsen may talk currencies in Tokyo

SIB chief takes more time for review

BY SARA MCCONNELL

ANDREW Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), has told the Treasury he needs more time to complete a wide-ranging review of the board's regulatory effectiveness.

He will now submit his final report to the Chancellor by the end of this month, up to a month later than was originally agreed.

The SIB said: "The intention had been to have the report with the Chancellor before Easter, but the timetable has slipped a bit. Mr Large is anxious to make sure everything is correct. He has other responsibilities as chairman of the SIB."

The Chancellor asked Mr Large last July to carry out the review after widespread criticism that the Investment Management Regula-tory Organisation (Imro) had not adequately monitored Bishopsgate Investment Management and London and Bishopsgate International Investment Management, two companies handling pension fund investments for Robert Maxwell companies.

The SIB admitted that its own monitoring of Imro, a self-regulatory organisation recognised by SIB under the Financial Services Act, had been inadequate.

The Chancellor's request followed the publication of the conclusions of a report from Imro to the SIB highlighting some of Imro's regulatory shortcomings.

When that report was published, Mr Large said: "The fact that such a massive fraud could be carried out reflects badly on the UK corporate and financial system as a whole as well as on a number of institutions and individuals within that system . . .

"For its part, SIB is determined that the lessons of this affair for the regulatory system set up under the Financial Services Act are learnt quickly and thoroughly. SIB itself needs to rethink how it plays its part in ensuring that the self-regulatory bodies provide effective investor protection."

Queens Moat books search continues

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ACCOUNTANTS from Grant Thornton will continue their search over the holiday weekend of the books of Queens Moat Houses, the hotel business whose shares are suspended on the stock market, ahead of the group's next interest payment due on Tuesday.

The banks, which are effectively in charge of the group after details of its parlous financial state emerged more than a week ago, have yet to agree a debt standstill that would allow the payment to be made. There seems no possibility this will happen by Tuesday, when DM1.8 million is due on a DM debt.

"The purpose is to provide some sort of breathing space while ensuring that nobody rocks the boat," said one banking source yesterday. Grant Thornton, which has been combing the books at Queens Moat's Romford headquarters and elsewhere since the start of this month, gave the banks a preliminary snapshot on Wednesday, but a more detailed financial review is probably six weeks away.

Only then will the banks be in any position to decide on a much-needed debt standstill, raising doubts over whether Tuesday's payment, although relatively small given the group's total debt of £1.2 billion, will be met.

The accountants have said the need to review Queens Moat's accounting policies, along with apparent profits shortfalls from hotels operated on an incentive basis, will convert expected profits of £80 million in 1992 into losses of the same order.

Barclays, with National Westminster one of the two co-ordinating banks that are spearheading the financial restructuring, has already allowed a £7 million payment to be made to debenture holders out of balances at the bank. Barclays retains another £15 million, and lawyers are trying to establish the legal position of the money.

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City fears pressure on liquidity as cash calls increase

By Michael Clark
Stock Market Correspondent

■ With the government aiming to raise a further £1 billion a week through the gilt market, brokers fear second line stocks and the Unlisted Securities Market will suffer

CITY stockbrokers are becoming increasingly worried that liquidity problems are being created by the large number of fundraising exercises that investors are being asked to absorb.

Last week, the FT-SE 100 index fell 48 points to end on Thursday at 2,821.8. The biggest concern for securities houses was the low level of turnover. Much of the business recorded was taken up by bed and breakfast transactions designed to establish tax losses before the financial year end. Genuine investment business proved virtually non-existent.

Recession-related problems have also been causing problems for investors on Wall Street, where the dollar has retreated against the yen and the Dow Jones industrial average has fallen about 2 per cent in the past week. In contrast, the Tokyo stock market has been trading at its highest levels for almost two years, with the Nikkei average climbing more than 6 per cent since the start of the month. As a result, many brokers are likely to spend an anxious weekend with little prospect of any improvement in trading conditions when business resumes after the Easter break on Tuesday.

Plenty of evidence has been provided to suggest that the elusive green shoots of recovery have started to push through at last, with the sixth consecutive increase in new car sales during March, and evidence of a rise in house prices. But investors in London are cynical. Many believe that share prices have run ahead of events and that further falls are inevitable.

Next week signals the final leg of a three-week account, which will be followed by another. This does not offer much incentive for investors to open fresh positions.

It was reported on Thursday that Norwich Union was planning to withdraw £20 billion from the bond market and reinvest it in the equity market. Such a manoeuvre does not necessarily indicate that Norwich Union has had a change of heart about prospects for the equity market. It could be that it has decided to set aside funds for the large number of cash calls expected in the months ahead. These include the next BT sell-off, the Zeneca rights issue and the Northern Ireland Electricity and Stagecoach flotations. Between them they are expected to raise £7 billion.

The government has been adding to the City's liquidity problems by stepping up its funding programme to meet the burgeoning public sector borrowing requirement.

Since the Budget last month, the Bank of England has issued almost £4 billion of extra stock. It is estimated that a further £1 billion a week may have to be raised during the next year to reach government targets. The gilt market has, so far, absorbed the extra funding. But brokers nervously admit that all this extra stock is beginning to slow the bond market's progress.

The extra funding inevitably means that other areas of the stock market will suffer. Second-line companies and those that are quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market are likely to be affected particularly badly.

However, some brokers remain confident about salvaging something from April. Goldman Sachs points out that the equity market has traditionally performed well in that month, having fallen only three times since 1965. But the broker argues that the high returns recorded during April, are often due to tax loss selling.



Do it my way: Tokyo is opposing plans by Arthur Dunkel, Gatt director-general, to replace farm import barriers

Japan stands firm over rice imports

By Risa Maeda

JAPAN has refused to give way in a dispute over rice imports that threatens an early settlement of outstanding world trade issues.

Cabinet members met in Tokyo yesterday and approved the 1992-3 annual report on agriculture, which concluded that Japan must remain self-sufficient in rice production, its staple food.

Japan's trading partners have been pushing it to offer greater access to foreign companies and open its rice market to imports in the current multilateral trade talks. But the report made no concession to pressures from Japan's trading partners to change tack on agricultural policy. It said: "Efforts should be made to establish highly productive paddy-field agriculture, pursuant to a policy of maintaining domestic self-sufficiency in rice."

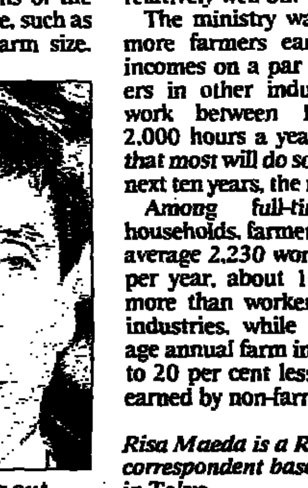
Tokyo opposes a draft plan proposed by Arthur Dunkel, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) director-general, to replace all farm import barriers, including its ban on rice imports, with tariffs. Japan's opposition is one obstacle to completion of the Uruguay Round of Gatt, originally scheduled to finish by 1990.

International criticism is mounting that Japan has assumed a low profile because of the rice issue. Mickey Kantor, US trade representative, said last week that Tokyo was acting as if it were not interested in a new Gatt accord.

On Wednesday Kabun Muto, Japan's new foreign minister, signalled that rice imports were a possibility, saying that Japan cannot continue to bar every single grain of foreign rice.

At his first news conference since taking office, Mr Muto echoed the sentiment, but the annual report, compiled by the agriculture ministry, said Japan's rice policy remains unchanged because its food self-sufficiency rate, at 46 per cent, is still low. Tokyo has said rice imports would threaten national food security. "Maximum efforts must be made at the Gatt Uruguay Round to ensure that Japanese interests are appropriately reflected in the results of farm trade negotiations," the report said.

It also said reforms of the agricultural structure, such as enlarging average farm size, shortening working hours and increasing incomes, should be accelerated towards the next century.



Kantor: hitting out

Rice farms account for 80 per cent of all agricultural households in Japan. But the reforms seem to be needed most by part-time rice farmers, as full-time farmers are relatively well off.

The ministry wants to see more farmers earn lifetime incomes on a par with workers in other industries and work between 1,800 and 2,000 hours a year. It hopes that most will do so within the next ten years, the report said.

Among full-time farm households, farmers currently average 2,230 working hours per year, about 10 per cent more than workers in other industries, while their average annual farm income is 10 to 20 per cent less than that earned by non-farmers.

Risa Maeda is a Reuters correspondent based in Tokyo

Pay rethink suggested for eastern Germans

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

AS FEARS mount of an all-out strike by east German metalworkers after Easter, Norbert Blüm, the labour minister, has called on their union and the employers to switch to a new pay system that would contain a profit-related element.

Herr Blüm's appeal came after the employers' rejection earlier this week of a final compromise plan over implementation of the pay-levelling deal of 1991, which foresaw east German wages matching those in west Germany by April 1994. The powerful metalworkers' union is expected to order a ballot for an all-out strike by its east German members on April 19.

The employers' federation has walked away from the agreement to increase east German metalworkers' pay by 26 per cent this month, with the final levelling up by next April.

Amid warning strikes, the metalworkers' union has accused the employers of acting illegally and threatening the whole basis of harmonious post-war industrial relations.

Herr Blüm said that a strike in east Germany's present poor economic state would be a "medium-sized employment catastrophe" that would create serious difficulties for companies and destroy jobs.

A profit-related component in pay deals could introduce the necessary flexibility and not overstrain any firm.

The employers called the compromise deal put forward earlier this week, which would have extended the levelling up period, a "pack of duplicity" that effectively invited companies to commit commercial suicide.

East German metalworkers plan more warning strikes after Easter. The national trades union federation will also hold demonstrations in several big cities in west and east Germany.

Hasso Duvel, head of the metalworkers' union in Saxony, said the employers' behaviour meant that major industrial action was now "unavoidable".

Thomson cuts net loss to Fr544m

By a Correspondent

THOMSON, the French state-owned electronics group, made a net loss after minority interests of Fr544 million in 1992, which was an improvement on a loss of Fr702 million the previous year, the group reported yesterday.

Thomson Consumer Electronics, the leisure electronics arm of the group, made a net loss of Fr1.77 billion in 1992. In 1991, the leisure arm lost Fr2.47 billion.

The parent company, which has activities ranging across military, leisure and professional electronics, made an exceptional capital gain of Fr443 million from the sale of its household electronic goods arm, at the end of 1992, to the Italian Elfi group in association with the Crédit National. Results in 1993 should "improve," the parent group said.

The consumer electronics company said it made an operating loss of Fr330 million in 1992, having made an equivalent loss of Fr228 million in 1991.

Sales totalled Fr30.55 billion, representing an increase of 2 per cent in terms of an updated value for the dollar.

"After the halt in the worsening of the results in 1992, the company should continue to recover in 1993," the company said.

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Prop Fd Acc	367.40	386.70	-0.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	910.60	958.40	-7.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	353.10	371.70	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1199.2	1262.4	-10.70	...
Property Acc	466.30	490.90	+0.50	...
Far East Acc	242.60	255.40	+0.60	...
Managed Capital	470.10	494.90	-3.10	...
-do- Acc	928.60	977.50	-5.90	...
Overseas Acc	805.30	847.70	-16.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	436.70	459.70	...	...
Amer Equity Acc	689.80	726.20	-3.50	...
Amer Man Acc	297.50	313.20	-1.60	...
Amer Prop Acc	116.60	122.80	+0.60	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.90	143.00	+0.10	...
Balncd Ser 5	609.80	641.80	-7.20	...
Opportunity Ser 5	135.60	142.70	-0.80	...
UK Equities Ser 5	826.50	870.00	-19.40	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	874.80	920.60	-14.40	...
North Amer Ser 5	411.30	432.90	-11.00	...
Far East Ser 5	464.50	488.90	+13.30	...
Europe Ser 5	296.40	312.00	-0.80	...
Intnl Ser 5	485.40	510.90	-3.40	...
Property Ser 5	468.00	492.60	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	387.30	407.60	...	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	172.90	181.90	-0.10	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	280.20	294.90	-0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	718.40	756.30	-9.60	...
-do- Initial	503.20	529.70	-6.70	...
Gilt Edged Acc	362.80	381.60	-1.00	...
-do- Initial	256.10	269.60	-0.70	...
International Acc	343.90	362.10	+3.80	...
-do- Initial	241.40	254.20	+2.70	...
Managed Acc	453.00	476.90	-2.30	...
-do- Initial	318.60	335.40	-1.60	...
Money Acc	275.90	290.50	+0.30	...
Property Acc	250.70	263.90	-3.90	...
-do- Initial	175.00	184.30	-2.90	...
America Acc	262.20	276.00	+0.70	...
Australia Acc	178.80	188.30	+3.50	...
Financial Acc	263.50	277.40	-0.70	...
500 Accum	382.90	403.10	-2.60	...
Japan Genl Acc	335.70	353.40	-18.20	...
Income Acc	448.40	472.00	-6.60	...
Leisure Acc	187.70	197.60	-5.00	...
Special Sits Acc	191.10	201.20	-3.10	...
Univ Tech Acc	127.30	134.10	+1.90	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	697.59	697.59	-5.31	...
Income Fund	661.78	696.62	-7.53	...
Extra Income	605.66	637.54	-6.45	...
Worldwide Gth	424.11	446.44	-5.75	...
Balanced Fund	578.46	608.91	-7.20	...
Smllr Cos Recov	587.14	618.05	-4.47	...
N Amer & Genrl	340.87	358.82	-14.32	...
Pacific Basin	334.63	352.25	-2.25	...
German Growth	192.34	202.47	-1.30	...
Japan Growth	155.16	163.33	+6.02	...
The UK Gth Fd	183.53	193.19	-2.06	...
Contl Euro Gth	106.20	110.74	-0.38	...
Property Fund	336.21	356.02	...	...
Fixed Interest	289.57	304.82	+0.76	...
Cash Fund	268.79	282.94	+0.16	...
Managed Inv	427.36	449.86	-3.67	...
Nth Amer Recov	220.03	231.62	-8.52	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	386.62	406.97	-0.87	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	135.70	143.60	-0.90	...
Performance Plus	132.20	139.90	-1.10	...
With Profit Perf	159.60	167.80	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	154.50	163.50	-2.30	...
Euro Opportunity	166.20	175.90	+0.30	...
North Amer Opp	132.10	139.80	-4.00	...
Far East Opp	143.60	152.00	+1.10	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.90	161.00	+0.90	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	149.20	157.90	-0.10	...
Fixed Int	166.90	175.60	+0.60	...
Cash	148.10	156.70	...	...
Overseas	152.90	161.80	-1.90	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	284.40	299.40	-0.90	...
Property	193.60	203.90	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	220.60	232.50	+1.30	...
Index-Linked	180.20	189.70	+0.30	...
Equity	309.40	325.80	-5.20	...
Cash	207.40	218.40	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	307.70	324.00	-2.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	320.90	337.80	+5.80	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£109.90	...	-1.60	...
Property Units	£25.12	...	-0.02	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£57.07	£60.39	-0.20	...
2nd Equity Acc	557.00	589.40	-7.80	...
2nd High Inc Ac	529.60	560.40	-7.90	...
2nd Property Acc	230.70	244.10	-0.30	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	166.60	176.30	+0.30	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	407.00	430.70	-1.60	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	195.40	206.80	-0.60	...
2nd Deposit Acc	266.90	282.30	...	...
2nd Gilt Acc	275.60	291.60	+1.30	...
2nd Amer Acc	564.10	596.90	-9.00	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	248.70	263.20	+1.90	...
2nd Index Acc	184.70	195.40	-0.20	...
2nd Far East Acc	379.20	401.30	+13.40	...
2nd Global Acc	150.80	159.60	-0.30	...
2nd Euro Acc	132.30	140.00	...	...
2nd Japan Acc	201.50	213.20	+11.60	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.10	72.10	-0.10	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	150.30	159.00	+0.70	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	108.90	115.20	-2.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Scotty House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	179.10	188.60	...	...
Managed Fund	529.70	557.60	-7.70	...
Equity Fund	299.90	315.70	-6.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	244.50	257.40	-0.90	...
Ruby	136.80	144.10	-1.30	...
Emerald	133.80	140.90	...	...
Equity	281.60	296.50	-5.50	...
Property	174.70	183.90	-0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	192.10	202.30	+0.30	...
Indexed Secs	157.70	166.10	-0.10	...
Cash	177.10	186.50	+0.10	...
Nth American	195.90	206.30	-0.60	...
Far East	234.70	247.10	+4.10	...
International	194.30	204.60	+3.30	...
Special Sits	254.90	268.40	-5.60	...
Intl Income	252.50	265.80	-1.90	...
American Inc	168.60	177.50	+1.50	...
European	242.00	254.80	+1.70	...
Japanese	136.30	143.50	+6.00	...
SE Asia	256.30	269.80	+3.20	...
With Profits Reg	145.60	153.30	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	145.60	153.30	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	267.90	282.00	-2.30	...
Equity	320.40	337.30	-9.40	...
Property	169.90	178.90	-0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	228.60	240.70	-0.50	...
Index Linked	165.70	174.50	-0.40	...
Cash	230.90	243.10	+0.20	...
Nth American	240.00	252.70	-1.10	...
Far East Acc	273.30	287.70	+11.30	...
International Acc	244.00	256.90	+2.60	...
Special Sits	381.90	402.10	-0.80	...
European Flex	321.40	338.40	+2.60	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL Chatham Maritime, Gillingham, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Unitlnk)Key	£205.50	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	1280.01	...	...	...
-do- Cash	194.58	204.82	+0.11	...
-do- Equity	461.95	486.26	+1.55	...
-do- Fxd Int	339.54	357.41	+0.69	...
-do- Managed	338.32	356.13	+1.07	...
-do- Property	237.73	250.24	+1.72	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	204.78	215.57	...	...
-do- Cash Inv	282.68	297.57	...	...
-do- Equity Cap	1268.8	1335.6	...	...
-do- Equity Inv	1751.4	1843.6	...	...
-do- Fixed Cap	370.97	390.51	...	...
-do- Fixed Inv	512.08	539.04	...	...
-do- Index Cap	202.13	212.78	...	...
-do- Index Inv	279.02	293.71	...	...
Mngd Cap	515.19	542.32	...	...
Mngd Inv	711.15	748.59	...	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc(5)	£502.33	...	-7.30	...
Var Ann (5)	883.07	...	-0.55	...
Prime Managed	345.80	364.10	-1.20	...
Prime UK Equity	411.20	432.90	-6.50	...
Prime Int Equity	260.30	274.10	+5.10	...
Prime Property	194.30	204.60	+0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	224.00	235.80	+0.30	...
Prime Index-Lnk	162.70	171.30	-0.30	...
Prime Cash	194.50	204.80	+0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	997.20	1049.6	...	...
Equity Fund	1427.5	1502.6	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	524.80	552.40	...	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	340.20	358.10	...	...
Life Equity Acc	719.60	757.40	...	...
Life Money Acc	286.40	301.40	...	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	641.70	675.40	...	...
Life Intl Acc	449.70	473.30	...	...
Life High Inc Acc	676.90	712.50	...	...
Life Property Acc	210.00	221.00	...	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	618.10	650.60	...	...
DBS Managed	227.70	239.60	-8.00	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	165.90	174.70	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	217.10	228.60	-0.60	...
-do- Series 2	139.00	146.40	-0.30	...
Adventurous Fd	182.10	191.70	-2.00	...
-do- Series 2	136.40	143.60	+1.50	...
Performance Fd	220.40	232.10	+1.00	...
-do- Series 2	142.20	149.70	+0.70	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	137.70	145.00	+0.50	...
UK Equity Fund	137.80	145.10	-1.80	...
Property Fund	103.50	109.00	-0.10	...
Envrnmntl Opps	137.70	145.00	-1.30	...
Euro Fund	139.30	146.70	+1.00	...
North Amer Fd	172.90	182.00	-2.10	...
Oriental Opp	144.00	151.60	+1.30	...
Japanese Fund	117.70	123.90	+4.10	...
Bll & West Life	112.50	118.50	...	...
Bll & West Pen	124.00	130.60	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
EagleMid Uts	240.90	249.60	-5.10	3.67
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mxd)	264.00	277.90	-2.40	...
UK Equity	350.60	369.10	-6.30	...
Stewardship	304.30	320.40	-4.70	...
Overseas Equity	236.00	248.50	+1.80	...
North American	131.70	138.70	-0.80	...
Pacific Basin	126.20	132.90	+3.50	...
European	164.50	173.20	...	...
Property	188.30	198.30	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	209.50	220.60	+0.90	...
Index Linked	155.90	164.20	...	...
Cash	188.90	198.90	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	286.10	301.20	+9.40	...
GT Plan Wwide	410.20	431.80	+2.50	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	178.80	188.10	...	...
Unitised Profit	120.10	126.40	+0.20	...
UK Equity	242.10	254.80	-3.70	...
Fixed Int	180.00	189.40	+0.10	...
Index-Linked	156.40	164.50	-0.10	...
Cash Deposit	166.10	174.70	+0.10	...
Property	159.50	167.80	+0.20	...
International	160.00	168.30	-1.10	...
American	144.70	152.20	-2.00	...
Japan	231.60	243.70	+8.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	218.00	229.40	+10.80	...
European	155.10	163.20	+0.40	...
Pacific Fund	206.70	217.40	+2.90	...
Conv Life	127.60	134.20	-1.20	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	627.10	627.10	+0.20	...
-do- Inv A	627.00	660.10	+0.20	...
UK Equity	358.40	377.30	-4.30	...
Gilt Plus	197.40	207.80	+0.50	...
Managed	273.30	287.80	+0.20	...
Inter Man	247.00	260.10	+1.80	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	639.80	674.20	-4.10	...
Money Fund	300.20	316.00	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	941.90	992.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	259.70	273.70	...	...
Property Fund	332.10	349.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnd	485.70	511.80	-9.10	...
Income	640.30	674.70	-8.30	...
International Gth	519.80	547.70	+0.40	...
Capital Fund	549.70	579.20	-3.20	...
Recovery Fund	531.60	560.20	-2.20	...
Japan & General	246.30	259.50	+8.40	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	636.30	662.90	...	...
Managed Initial	404.90	426.20	-7.10	...
-do- Acc	556.30	585.50	-9.60	...
Equity Initial	590.60	621.70	-14.80	...
-do- Acc	811.30	854.10	-20.00	...
Fixed Int Initial	409.40	431.00	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	562.50	592.10	+3.90	...
Intl Initial	404.20	425.40	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	555.20	584.40	+1.80	...
Nth Amer Initial	169.40	178.30	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	211.80	222.90	-3.50	...
Pacific Initial	213.50	224.70	+8.30	...
-do- Acc	264.40	278.30	+10.40	...
Property Initial	149.80	157.70	...	...
-do- Acc	205.70	216.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	155.40	163.60	...	...
-do- Acc	194.30	204.50	...	...
Deposit Initial	192.70	202.90	...	...
-do- Acc	264.80	278.70	+0.10	...
Euro Initial	82.20	86.50	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	95.00	100.00	+0.60	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	143.40	150.90	-1.40	...
-do- Pens	169.30	178.20	-2.10	...
UK Equity	139.50	146.80	-1.60	...
-do- Pens	152.00	159.90	-2.20	...
International	127.20	133.80	...	...
-do- Pens	136.80	144.00	+0.20	...
Deposit	133.20	140.20	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	154.50	162.60	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	341.90	363.80	-5.00	...
North America	313.20	333.20	-5.00	...
Far East Fund	482.70	513.60	+14.00	...
Global Managed	396.90	422.30	-1.00	...
Deposit Fund	217.40	228.90	+0.30	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	214.70	228.50	+0.40	...
Fixed Interest	69.80	74.30	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	448.20	474.30	-8.80	...
British Fund	452.80	479.30	-8.80	...
International	451.50	478.30	+3.20	...
Dollar Fund	331.80	351.20	-0.90	...
Capital Fund	409.50	433.40	-5.60	...
Income Fund	600.70	635.70	-9.90	...
Property Series A	380.80	403.00	...	...
Property Units	616.40	647.30	...	...
Financial Fund	459.10	485.90	-4.00	...
Managed Ser A	474.30	501.80	-6.30	...
-do- C	273.80	289.80	-5.30	...
Managed Units	846.50	891.10	-15.80	...
High Yield Fund	566.00	599.00	-4.20	...
Money Series A	272.80	288.70	+0.30	...
Money Units	359.30	378.20	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	539.60	571.10	-9.80	...
Fixed Interest	347.50	367.80	-0.70	...
Indexed Secs	172.80	182.90	+0.10	...
European Fund	610.30	645.90	+1.30	...
Natural Res	236.70	250.50	+1.80	...
Far East Fund	528.00	558.80	-21.00	...
Smaller Cos	393.40	416.30	-3.30	...
Special Sits	384.80	407.20	-6.20	...
Man Currency	249.70	264.30	+0.50	...
Japanese Tech	239.30	253.30	+12.50	...
US Smaller Cos	187.10	198.00	-6.10	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	482.10	507.50	-1.80	...
Global Property	255.60	269.00	...	...
Global Fixed Int	473.10	498.00	+2.70	...
Global Equity	510.80	537.70	+13.60	...
Global Cash	202.00	212.60	+0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	446.70	470.20	+1.90	...
Property	410.60	432.20	+1.20	...
Managed	367.80	387.20	-1.80	...
American	360.60	379.60	-3.60	...
UK Equity Fd	400.50	421.60	-6.50	...
Japan	197.70	208.10	+10.60	...
Index-Lkd	177.80	187.20	+0.10	...
High Yield	736.50	775.30	-7.90	...
Growth Cap	403.80	425.10	-2.00	...
Money	380.90	400.90	+0.60	...
International	336.50	354.20	+3.90	...
Henderson Active	187.80	197.70	-1.70	...
Perpetual Active	273.50	287.90	+2.70	...
Growth Cap	403.80	425.10	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	569.30	599.30	-3.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Inh	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	176.50	185.80	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Inr	123.90	130.50	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	146.30	154.00	-2.50	...
Cash Initial	166.40	175.20	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	272.50	286.90	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	578.50	609.00	-11.70	...
-do- Acc	947.10	997.00	-19.20	...
Fixed Initial	340.30	358.30	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	557.20	586.60	+1.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	132.70	139.70	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	185.30	195.10	+0.10	...
Intl Initial	304.70	320.80	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	491.10	517.00	+4.60	...
Managed Initial	427.00	449.50	-3.70	...
-do- Acc	699.00	735.80	-6.10	...
Property Initial	182.50	192.20	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	298.80	314.60	+0.30	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	312.40	328.90	-2.20	...
UK Equity	518.90	546.30	-7.70	...
Property	272.90	287.30	-0.10	...
Money Market	239.70	252.40	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	295.10	310.70	...	...
Japan	366.80	388.30	-21.30	...
North America	150.50	158.50	-4.40	...
International	261.50	275.30	+1.00	...
European	234.90	247.30	+0.30	...
Far East	113.00	119.00	+3.80	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£290.70	...	-10.00	...
Fixed Interest	£376.60	...	+1.50	...
Property	£339.00	...	-0.50	...
Deposit	£275.60	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£518.90	...	-1.50	...
Indexed Stock	£201.20	...	+0.10	...
International	£251.70	...	+3.80	...
Equity A	£183.90	...	-2.40	...
Fixed Int A	£167.50	...	+0.60	...
Property A	£149.40	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£162.40	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£171.00	...	-0.50	...
Index Stock A	£158.00	...	+0.20	...
International A	£157.60	...	+2.30	...
Equity P	£637.40	...	-9.80	...
Fixed Int P	£483.10	...	+3.10	...
Property P	£270.70	...	+0.40	...
Deposit P	£318.70	...	+0.40	...
Mixed P	£467.30	...	-1.50	...
Index Stock P	£230.50	...	+0.30	...
International P	£284.90	...	+5.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£511.30	...	-5.30	...
-do- Acc	£744.40	...	-7.60	...
Property Cap	£156.90	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£236.50	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£196.40	...	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	£296.50	...	-1.40	...
Equity Cap	£295.00	...	-3.80	...
-do- Acc	£449.90	...	-5.50	...
Internatl Cap	£216.10	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£326.50	...	+0.30	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£255.40	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£324.40	...	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	£493.70	...	-3.20	...
Moneymaker Fd	£390.50	...	-2.80	...
Capital Growth	£1425.7	...	-14.30	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	377.10	396.00	+0.80	...
Amer Rec Bond	426.80	448.20	+2.00	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	202.70	212.90	+0.20	...
Australasia Bd	166.20	174.60	+3.40	...
Commodity Bond	227.30	238.70	+1.20	...
Deposit Bond Acc	343.30	360.60	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1200.0	1260.1	-9.90	...
European Bd Acc	292.90	307.60	+1.10	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	595.40	625.30	-6.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	246.50	258.90	+6.30	...
Gilt Bond Acc	405.00	425.40	+2.00	...
Gold Bond Acc	103.70	109.00	+3.50	...
High Yield Bond	296.20	311.10	-2.40	4.51
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	200.00	210.10	+0.10	...
International Bd	627.00	658.50	+5.00	...
Japan Bond Acc	258.40	271.40	+4.90	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	222.80	234.00	+9.10	...
Managed Bonds	735.90	772.60	+1.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	296.40	311.30	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	608.80	639.40	-9.20	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	206.70	217.60	-0.80	...
UK Equity Acc	275.10	289.60	-0.90	...
Special Sits	83.60	88.00	-1.90	...
Special Sits Acc	111.30	117.20	-2.50	...
North American	174.90	184.20	-2.10	...
N American Acc	232.90	245.20	-2.60	...
Pacific Basin	310.70	327.10	+8.80	...
Pacific Basin Acc	413.60	435.40	+12.00	...
Fixed Interest	280.20	295.00	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest Acc	373.40	393.10	+0.90	...
Property	152.40	160.50	...	...
Property Acc	203.10	213.80	+0.10	...
Deposit	150.70	158.70	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	201.40	212.00	+0.30	...
Managed	235.50	247.90	+0.10	...
Managed Acc	288.90	304.20	+0.40	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	614.00	646.30	-4.80	...
Property Fund	472.40	497.30	+0.90	...
Equity Fund	750.80	790.30	-18.20	...
Gilt Edged Fd	562.90	592.50	+2.50	...
Deposit Fund	312.80	329.30	+0.10	...
Investment Fd	317.10	332.90	-7.60	...
International	499.30	525.60	+6.50	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	391.50	412.10	+0.40	...
Equity Bond	303.60	319.50	-3.10	...
Money Mrkt Bd	504.50	530.80	+3.30	...
Deposit Fund	358.20	377.00	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	413.40	435.10	-3.60	...
Intl Equity	478.10	503.20	+2.00	...
Intl Managed	455.00	478.90	+0.10	...
North American	189.40	199.30	-1.00	...
Far East	354.70	373.30	-5.60	...
Intl Currency	256.20	269.60	+0.40	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	128.10	134.80	-1.70	...
Fixed Interest	494.90	520.90	+2.10	...
Managed	615.70	648.10	-7.40	...
Deposit	320.50	337.30	+0.30	...
Property	365.50	384.70	-3.60	...
American	381.10	401.10	-12.30	...
Australian	420.20	442.30	-7.90	...
European	450.90	474.60	+0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	247.20	260.20	+1.50	...
Global Managed	126.80	131.30	-1.50	...
Income Acc	679.60	715.30	+3.60	...
-do- Dist	430.90	453.60	+2.40	5.56
International	277.30	291.80	-3.00	...
Japan Smaller	445.00	468.40	+15.90	...
Singapore & Mal	254.50	267.80	-1.10	...
Smaller Cos	330.10	347.40	-14.70	...
Tokyo Fund	637.60	671.10	+28.90	...
UK Equity	530.40	558.30	-9.10	...
CCM Vangd Mg	651.90	686.20	-1.40	...
Equity Pens Cap	556.70	901.70	-15.50	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	418.50	440.60	-4.90	...
UK Equity	516.50	543.70	-11.80	...
Overseas Equity	417.30	439.30	-0.10	...
Americas	375.40	395.20	-6.70	...
Far East	452.40	476.30	+15.20	...
Property	193.80	204.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	340.30	358.30	+1.60	...
Indexed Gilt	216.70	228.20	+0.20	...
Deposit	204.60	215.40	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1205.6	1269.1	-10.50	...
Eqty Fund	2625.2	2763.4	-48.40	...
Property Fd	435.10	458.00	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd	553.80	582.90	-0.60	...
Deposit Fund	327.20	344.40	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	203.80	214.50	+1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	138.70	146.00	+0.30	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	264.00	277.90	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1036.9	1091.5	-16.40	...
Inv Managed	725.00	763.10	-5.20	...
Ret Managed	795.20	837.10	-4.60	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	680.50	724.00	-4.90	...
Cash Fund	319.90	337.10	+0.30	...
Property Fund	217.60	231.50	...	...
Equity Fund	776.00	825.60	+1.70	...
Fxd Interest Fund	421.90	444.60	-0.30	...
International	348.70	371.00	+4.90	...
High Income	615.80	655.20	-7.50	...
Far East	466.20	496.00	-10.70	...
North American	459.00	488.40	-7.00	...
Special Sits	549.30	584.40	-3.80	...
Technology	428.10	455.50	-19.70	...
Extra Income Fd	330.70	351.90	-3.30	...
Gilt Fund	451.50	480.40	+0.70	...
European	126.90	135.10	+0.60	...
Adventurous Mg	175.40	184.70	-0.50	...
Secure Mgd	129.10	137.40	-0.50	...
Equity Inc Dist	108.60	115.80	-1.20	5.07
North American	103.50	110.20	-0.30	5.79
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	261.60	276.00	-7.20	...
Fxd Interest Acc	223.80	236.10	+0.30	...
International Acc	224.80	237.20	+3.50	...
Managed Acc	192.00	202.50	-0.30	...
Property Acc	221.70	233.50	+0.20	...
Money Acc	145.70	153.70	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	185.70	195.90	+2.60	...
Japan Equity Acc	115.00	121.40	+5.30	...
N Amer Acc	148.70	156.90	+1.40	...
Pacific Acc	134.00	141.40	+3.60	...
European Acc	120.40	127.10	+0.20	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	407.30	428.70	-3.50	...
Managed Initial	289.90	305.20	-2.60	...
Equity Ord	608.40	640.40	-10.10	...
Equity Init	437.00	459.80	-7.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	194.90	205.20	+0.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	144.90	152.50	...	...
Oseas Equity Ord	323.40	340.40	+0.40	...
Oseas Equity Init	230.20	242.30	+0.30	...
Property Ord	223.00	234.70	+0.20	...
Property Init	158.70	167.10	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	260.60	274.30	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Init	185.50	195.30	+0.30	...
Deposit Ord	195.30	205.60	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	296.90	309.30	+0.20	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	656.60	691.20	-5.10	...
Equity Fund	1283.5	1351.1	-24.60	...
Intl Fund	506.50	533.20	+4.40	...
Fixed Interest	539.90	568.40	+6.20	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	346.80	365.10	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	270.10	284.40	+6.10	...
N American Fd	208.60	219.60	-1.30	...
Euro Fund	219.10	230.70	+1.10	...
Balanced Fund	132.50	139.50	-0.00	...
Strategic Fund	136.40	143.60	-0.30	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1607.90	...	-4.50	...
-do- Acc	411.30	432.90	-4.70	...
Op Prop	413.40	435.20	...	...
Op Equity	867.20	912.90	-12.80	...
Op High Yield	527.00	554.80	+1.20	...
Op Managed	714.80	752.50	-3.20	...
Op Deposit	372.60	392.50	+0.30	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	275.70	290.30	-4.20	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	216.30	227.60	+8.50	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	223.60	235.40	-2.00	...
Gilt	79.20	83.40	-0.10	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	316.40	333.10	-5.90	...
Global Bond	112.70	118.70	+0.80	...
Global (35.34)	154.40	162.60	...	...
Gold Share	58.80	61.90	+1.70	...
High Income	258.20	271.80	-2.10	...
Income	376.30	396.20	-4.00	...
Japan	368.40	387.80	+9.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	268.90	283.10	-10.90	...
Mngd Growth	394.00	414.80	-4.10	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	846.70	895.90	-5.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	339.10	356.90	-2.20	...
Equity Fund	457.80	481.80	-6.80	...
Property Fund	247.10	260.10	...	...
International	397.90	418.80	+6.20	...
Pacific Basin	228.00	240.00	+7.70	...
United States	212.40	223.50	+1.20	...
Gilt Fund	330.60	348.00	+1.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	652.10	690.10	-1.80	...
Deposit Fund (2)	348.00	366.30	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	474.40	502.10	+2.60	...
Global Equity Fd	197.40	208.90	+1.30	...
Property Fund (46)	89.20	94.50	+0.10	...
AG Bond Fund	136.50	144.50	-0.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	486.60	512.30	-6.10	...
Fixed Interest	335.60	353.30	+2.20	...
Index-Linked	185.70	195.50	-0.90	...
International	377.30	397.20	+2.90	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	218.40	229.90	...	...
Managed	388.80	409.30	-2.70	...
Cap Gtned Bd	97.40	102.60	-1.20	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	171.36	180.37	+0.12	...
Index-Linked	152.00	160.00	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	169.40	178.30	+0.90	...
Mixed	218.80	230.30	+0.50	...
UK Equity	210.20	221.20	-2.70	...
International	218.90	230.40	+2.60	...
American	227.50	239.50	-3.00	...
Japan	231.80	244.00	+7.90	...
European	206.80	217.70	-0.80	...
Pacific	296.20	311.80	+6.70	...
Technology	284.40	299.40	-0.80	...
Currney/Currncy	216.90	228.40	+2.90	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	172.90	192.10	+0.20	...
UK Equity	313.30	328.80	-4.60	...
American	226.90	238.90	-3.70	...
Pacific	290.60	305.40	+7.30	...
European	401.10	422.40	+0.40	...
International	266.50	280.60	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	227.30	239.30	+0.70	...
Index Linked	189.50	199.60	-0.30	...
Deposit	183.00	192.60	+0.20	...
Managed	249.70	262.90	-1.70	...
Worldwide	105.60	111.30	-0.20	...
Pen Worldwide	109.50	115.30	-0.40	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1511.6	1558.4	+55.50	...
Salary Fund	214.20	225.50	-0.80	...
Growth Fund	201.70	212.40	-2.10	...
Opportunity Fd	200.30	210.90	-1.90	...
Cash Fund	165.30	174.10	+0.10	...
European Fund	293.50	309.00	+2.20	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	182.40	192.10	+0.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	173.60	182.80	-0.30	...
International Fd	247.10	260.20	+1.40	...
North American	215.60	227.00	-2.90	...
Property Fund	114.60	120.70	...	...
UK Equity	215.00	226.40	-3.30	...
UK Smaller	184.60	194.40	-2.00	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	231.50	243.80	-0.90	...
Equity	243.80	256.70	-3.30	...
International	239.30	251.90	+1.20	...
Property	193.40	203.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	209.70	220.80	+0.40	...
Index Linked	172.20	181.30	-0.10	...
Cash	178.00	187.50	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	824.10	829.10	-8.20	...
Inv Pol 2	756.60	796.50	-7.80	...
Inv Pol 3	729.00	767.50	-7.50	...
Inv Cash	295.80	311.40	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	399.80	421.00	-1.70	...
Equity Fund	470.40	495.30	-4.70	...
Property Fund	202.70	213.50	-0.20	...
International Fd	412.50	434.30	+5.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	344.00	362.20	+1.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	189.20	193.30	+0.40	...
Cash Fund	215.40	226.80	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	322.20	339.10	-1.80	...
Equity Acc	369.40	388.80	-4.80	...
International Acc	298.90	314.60	+0.30	...
Property	210.20	221.20	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	210.20	221.20	-1.70	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	255.00	268.50	+0.20	...
Equity	871.00	916.90	-20.80	...
European	139.20	146.60	+0.80	...
Far East	144.30	151.90	+4.60	...
Fixed Interest	368.60	388.00	+1.00	...
Index Linked	197.00	207.40	...	...
International	529.50	557.40	+6.90	...
Managed	610.70	642.90	-7.40	...
Nth American	137.20	144.50	-1.80	...
Property	305.50	321.60	-0.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	390.30	410.90	+0.30	...
Equity	1223.4	1287.8	-28.50	...
European	163.50	172.20	+0.40	...
Far East	111.20	117.10	+3.90	...
Fixed Interest	488.90	514.70	+1.40	...
Index Linked	272.20	286.60	...	...
International	728.60	767.00	+10.30	...
Managed	835.90	879.90	-9.40	...
Nth American	170.20	179.20	-1.60	...
Property	385.50	405.80	+0.50	...
Stock Exchange	188.70	198.70	-2.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	565.60	595.40	-3.70	...
Equity Fund	754.40	794.20	-13.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	390.50	411.10	+0.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	291.80	307.20	+0.20	...
Property Fund	408.40	429.90	+0.60	...
International Fd	545.60	574.40	+4.80	...
N American Fd	203.90	214.70	-1.70	...
Far East Fund	179.80	189.30	+2.80	...
Deposit Fund	278.70	293.40	+0.20	...
International Bd	£772.71	...	+0.10	...
Worldwide Bond	155.00	163.20	+1.00	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.40	82.60	...	...
Worldwide Tech	93.20	98.20	+0.20	...
European	134.40	141.50	+0.50	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	554.50	583.80	-5.20	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	382.60	409.10	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£466.20	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£437.70	...	+0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	£753.10	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£723.60	...	+0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£375.60	...	+0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£399.10	...	+0.40	...
Investment Fd	£296.80	...	-1.80	...
Investment (A)	£287.50	...	-1.70	...
Equity	£1088.8	...	-17.90	...
Equity Acc	£1046.5	...	-17.30	...
Money Fund	£441.10	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£423.80	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£511.60	...	-3.40	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£364.00	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£364.00	...	+0.40	...
Retire Annuity	£976.60	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£293.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£214.00	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1256.3	...	...	...
Managed Acc	£1736.30	...	...	...
Equity Account	£1042.3	...	...	...
Mngd Fund Acc	341.80	359.80	...	...
Equity Fund Acc	459.80	484.00	...	...
Prop Fund Acc	222.20	233.90	...	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	281.10	295.90	...	...
Money Fund Acc	209.60	220.70	...	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	197.40	207.80	...	...
Pers Perfs Acct	£1612.0	...	+1.30	...
Pens Mngd Acct	749.60	789.10	+0.70	...
Pens Guarantee	218.90	230.50	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	285.70	300.70	-0.70	...
Pens Property	228.10	240.10	-1.30	...
Pens Fixed Int	251.50	264.80	+3.30	...
Pens Intl	208.50	219.50	+0.10	...
Pens Money	220.50	232.10	+0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	186.30	196.10	+1.80	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	758.90	798.90	-15.90	...
Property Acc	277.60	292.30	+0.50	...
Equity Acc	1229.8	1294.6	-46.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	362.70	381.80	+0.10	...
Index-Linked Acc	195.30	205.60	-0.40	...
Cash Acc	292.30	307.70	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	327.40	344.70	-6.40	...
Japan Acc	289.90	305.20	+16.20	...
Pacific Acc	273.00	287.40	+2.90	...
Far Eastern Acc	644.90	678.90	+6.50	...
International Acc	478.30	503.50	+0.40	...
Distribution Fund	273.60	288.00	-1.90	6.51
European	146.50	154.30	-1.60	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	249.00	262.20	-2.50	...
Property Fund	178.60	188.10	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	208.60	219.60	-0.30	...
Money Fund	189.30	199.30	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	323.10	340.20	-3.50	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 46 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	237.50	250.10	+0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	39.20	42.00	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	314.80	331.40	+0.70	...
Gold	68.30	71.90	+0.20	...
Managed	534.20	562.40	-4.80	...
Mngd Growth	164.70	173.40	-0.60	...
Mngd Opp	171.00	180.00	-0.70	...
Property	253.30	266.70	...	...
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Loans need a personal touch



COMMENT

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The logic of building societies and other lenders can seem strange to outsiders, particularly customers. Take the case of a borrower who has for almost three years had a mortgage with a medium-sized lender, never a day late with a payment or a pound in arrears. Her monthly payments on the £38,000 loan had fallen by £101 with the recent interest rate reductions and she foolishly decided to do up her kitchen and tried to borrow from the society for the improvements that would surely add value to her home.

The additional advance would add £50 to her mortgage and she felt the society's records of her payments would be the best credit reference a person could ask for. She also reminded the society how she had managed to save £7,000 for the deposit on her bungalow by living frugally. The society asked how much she earned and the branch representative recoiled in horror. The new loan would be more than three times her salary. The society's rules would not let her borrow more than three times her annual wage. This was imprudent lending.

She appealed to head office that her credit rating was impeccable and reminded the society that in addition to her salary she also had £200-a-month contribution towards living costs from her widowed mother, who lives with her. The head office rules would not allow this income to be counted and the society turned her down once again.

But there was a way to borrow the money, said the branch. It was not a mortgage but a secured loan. It would cost a little more, but would allow her to get the dream kitchen. She applied and was turned down again by head office.

The ever-helpful branch apologised, said there was nothing it could do, and then suggested a personal loan. This would cost quite a bit more and would have to be paid back more quickly. The monthly payments could top the £101 a month that her mortgage payments had been reduced by, but there would be no problem with the loan as this much more expensive way of borrowing would take into account the money paid by her mother towards household bills.

If she were cynical, the borrower could think that it was a good way of directing her towards the loan that makes a larger profit for the society. After all, it would appear to someone who does not make the rules at building societies, to be more likely that she cannot afford the much higher payments than the lower mortgage payments.

In another part of the country the problem might be negative equity rather than low salary. This too has a solution without the need to charge the borrower more. If building societies and banks allowed branch staff to have a bit more flexibility then situations like this might not happen.

The borrower has idolised the society that had faith in her, and let her buy her first home. She cannot believe that it could really want to rip her off. Its head office says that it will sort her case out next week. These sort of situations happen all the time. No bank or building society is immune from the obeying-rules syndrome that brings them into disrepute, and usually involves more money being made by the institution. Staff need to be reminded that customers are individuals and the loyalty of a happy customer is the best marketing tool in the business.

One for all

At long last, the complaints industry are being reviewed. It should not take Lord Ackner, a former law lord who has been appointed by the Personal Investment Authority, long to find the current system wanting. Investors have been passed from one regulator to another in their search for compensation or a fair hearing.

Currently, investors have a whole range of ombudsmen and other arbitrators to choose from. Not that it really is a choice in many cases. They buy a unit trust from an independent broker and do not know whether to apply to the insurance ombudsman, the arbitration scheme of the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation's ombudsman or the Securities and Futures Authority's scheme. A reader, who has a fat file of correspondence with her broker, the SFA, and the fund manager, now tells me that her file may have to go to Fimbra. She despairs of the system set up to protect investors.

What investors need is one scheme with the expertise to deal with all manner of personal investor complaints fairly, funded by the whole industry.

Not all complaints are justified, many are the result of misunderstandings, but an easily accessible complaints and compensation system will give investors a greater reason to have confidence.

Rising crime pushes up cost of home insurance

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR



INSURANCE costs are an ominous dark cloud on the horizon for many newly optimistic first-time buyers and home owners, cheered by talk of an end to the recession.

Home contents premiums are rising rapidly to take account of the rising tide of crime and buildings insurance premiums face another sharp rise in some areas, despite the fact that actual rebuilding costs are falling. First-time buyers also face the cost of mortgage indemnity insurance, which on an average £50,000 mortgage can cost more than £700.

Mortgage rates are at their lowest for 25 years, and attractive fixed-rate offers take them even lower. But borrowers must take into account the sometimes high cost of compulsory buildings, contents, mortgage protection and indemnity insurance that can add a substantial amount to the basic mortgage payments.

Abbey National announced this week that it is to increase contents premiums by an average of 37 per cent from next month. It is the latest of many lenders to announce large rises. Last month, Woolwich Building Society increased its contents premiums by an average of 50 per cent. Most other lenders and insurers have increased premiums substantially in the past two years.

These increases are coupled with large rises in buildings insurance, which, in some cases, have doubled. Commercial Union estimates that 9 per cent of its policyholders had increases of 75 per cent at the beginning of 1992, when insurers changed the way they calculated premiums.

Most first-time buyers also have to take into account the cost of mortgage indemnity insurance. This protects the lender should the borrower default and the property has to be sold at a loss. The premium is paid as a lump sum at the outset by the borrower and may be added to the mortgage in some cases.

Abbey National has decided to organise its own mortgage indemnity cover because the three insurers providing this cover for the second-largest mortgage lender wanted to charge too much and to restrict the provisions of the cover. The insurers have faced substantial losses because they wrote a lot of business at the height of the housing market in 1988, which has gone bad.

Building societies were given the go-ahead last week by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to offer this kind of insurance and some of the larger ones are likely to do so.

By offering its own cover, Abbey has been able to hold its indemnity premiums at the 1991 level. They would have risen otherwise. A person taking out a £50,000 loan on a £62,500 property would still have to pay £156.25 in premium. For a £50,000 loan on a £55,555 property, the premium is £583.36 and for a £50,000 loan on a £52,631 property, the indemnity premium is £736.87.

Cautious borrowers may want to ensure that they do not default on their loans. Payment protection policies will meet their mortgage payments for up to two years if they lose their jobs or fall ill for a long time. This cover has risen by about 50 per cent in the past two years because of claims experience and now costs about £6.50 per £100 of monthly mortgage payments. On a £50,000 mortgage this will be about £22 a month.

At Abbey first-time buyers are being offered free accident, sickness and unemployment cover for two years, when they take out fixed-rate loans. But they do have to take Abbey National's contents and insurance policies when they take out the mortgage fixed at 6.25 per cent until November next year, or the 7.25 per cent mortgage fixed until May 1996. Both of these have a £199 booking fee. Other borrowers can have a fixed rate at 6.85 per cent until November next year, or a 7.5 per cent mortgage until May 1996. With these, the fee is £250 but insurance is not compulsory.

The Halifax also has mortgages at 6.25 per cent until February 1995 for first-time buyers who have saved 10 per cent of the property's value. This climbs to 6.99 per cent for 95 per cent mortgages. Both loans require buildings and contents insurance or a mortgage protection policy to be arranged by the society. For other borrowers the society is offering loans fixed at 6.99 per cent until July 1995, on loans up to 75 per cent of the value. It has a range of fixed rates up to 8.35 per cent on 95 per cent loans to July 1997.

National & Provincial this week launched a two-year fixed rate at 5.95 per cent for existing home owners for loans up to 60 per cent of the valuation. It also has loans to June next year at 5.99 per cent on loans up to 75 per cent. Loans can be fixed at 6.99 per cent until June 1996, or at 7.7 per cent until June 1997. A fix at 7.95 per cent is available until June 1998, on loans up to 75 per cent of the value. All the fixed-rate mortgages require buildings and contents cover through the society. The arrangement fees are £200 until June 1995, and £250 for longer terms.

Buildings and contents policies offered by lenders are often based on the number of bedrooms in the property. These make it easier to ensure that the householder does not under-insure and saves having to add specific items to a policy as soon as they are bought. This type of contents policy has risen most in the past few years, as the insurance companies miscalculated the amount of contents that could be crammed into a typical three-bedroom semi and the claims associated with them.

When assessing the risk companies consider the kind of the house, the age of it and the age of the policyholder. The younger the house and the older the policyholder the happier the insurer. It also used to be the case that properties in rural idylls were regarded as virtually risk-free where urban crime such as burglary was concerned. Recently insurers have found that theft claims in the large town suburbs and the countryside have soared, while those in inner cities have risen less quickly.

One of the reasons they give is that security measures and Neighbourhood Watch are making it tougher for burglars to get into homes in built-up areas, whereas they can find the going easier in rural districts that have not been used to a high level of crime.

Building cover determined by postcodes

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THOUSANDS of Legal & General policyholders face rises of up to 20 per cent in their buildings insurance premiums when they next renew their policies. The increases are among the first on buildings insurance since insurers changed the way they calculate premiums two years ago.

In 1991, insurers stopped charging a flat rate of about £2.20 per £1,000 of cover. Instead, they charged householders a rate based on the postcode, mainly reflecting what they saw as the increased risks of subsidence, storm damage and floods in some areas. Some people in low-risk areas saw the premiums fall. Others had large rises Costs ranged from £1.80 per £1,000 of cover for the lowest risk areas to £4 per £1,000 for the highest risk postcodes.

L&G has now moved 93 postcodes, mainly in southeast and east England, into a higher risk rating band for buildings insurance. Ray Facer, the company's household underwriting manager, said the postcodes had been moved up a band as the previous premium was "insufficient" to cover the risk posed.

Those homes already in a high-risk band that have been moved into an even higher one could have to pay up to 16 per cent more for buildings cover, Mr Facer said. In parts of north London and Ilford, Essex, for example, where householders had paid premiums based on £3 per £1,000 of cover they will now pay £3.50, a 16 per cent rise. Others, in areas including parts of west London, will pay £3 instead of £2.60 per £1,000 of cover, 15 per cent more. Some London and southeast postcodes rated in the highest risk bands of £4 per £1,000 will now be rated at £4.50 per £1,000, 12 per cent up. However, householders in some parts of areas such as Sunderland, Truro, Cornwall, and Llandridod Wells, Powys, considered low risk, will pay 22 per cent more, as they have been moved from the £1.80 per £1,000 band to the £2.20 band.

In all, 70 postcodes in areas including parts of Newcastle and parts of northwest England have been moved down a band and the level of the premiums should fall. The remaining 2,537 of the country's 2,700 codes will not be affected.

Other insurers are likely to follow L&G's lead and move postcodes into different bands if they find they are getting large numbers of claims from those areas.

Jeff Kehoe, Sun Alliance's underwriting manager, household, said the company was carrying out a review of its claims experience in all postcode areas. "We wouldn't expect any major changes in the next six months," he said.

Eagle Star raised the cost of cover for the highest risk postcodes from £4 per £1,000 of cover to £4.20 last December. However, it has not moved any postcodes into higher rate bands yet. General Accident and Commercial Union have not changed their buildings premiums since they started to base them on postcodes, but say the situation is "under continuous review".

Several companies have introduced loyalty bonuses for long-standing customers or no-claims bonuses for people who have not made a claim.



Facer: "insufficient cover"

General Accident policyholders who do not make a claim for five years get a 25 per cent discount. Norwich Union policyholders who do not claim for three years get a 10 per cent discount. If they have also been customers for three years, they get an extra 10 per cent, to make a total of 20 per cent.

Householders with newer homes will also get a discount from some companies. Since February, Norwich Union has offered a 10p per £1,000 of cover discount on homes built since 1980. Homes built before 1920 cost 10p per £1,000 more to insure in lower risk areas and 20p per £1,000 more in higher risk areas. Sun Alliance reduces the insurance cost of homes built since 1946, while increasing that of pre-1920 homes. Mr Kehoe, of Sun Alliance, said this was because houses built before 1920 tended to have weaker foundations and were riskier to insure.

Taking the sting out of extra policy payments



McKee: 'savings available'

AN INCREASING number of householders are voting with their feet and switching their buildings and contents insurance away from their building society or bank. Some have discovered they can make savings of up to 50 per cent by going to a direct insurer. Others can get a choice of rates from an insurance broker (Sara McConnell writes).

Direct Line, the direct insurance arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, said it had seen a great deal of interest from building society and bank customers in both buildings and contents insurance, particularly since Abbey National said it was putting up its contents rates.

Chris McKee, director at Direct Line, said: "People don't realise how much they are paying in premiums. It is only where there are increases like the Abbey's this week that they suddenly think about it."

Direct Line is one of a growing band that sell contents and buildings policies direct to the public over the telephone. They do not pay commission to brokers, which cuts the cost to the policyholder. Building societies and banks can earn commission of 30 per cent of more for each insurance policy sold.

Mr McKee estimated that, in some areas, people could save up to 20 per cent on buildings and contents cover. It is not compulsory to take buildings cover with a building society or bank providing the mortgage, although it is a condition of many fixed-rate deals and first-time buyer discounts that borrowers take household insurance with the society. Other borrowers may be charged a £25 "administration fee" by the lender if they opt for a different insurer. Like Direct Line, Hill House Hammond, of Bristol, will pay that fee.

Barry Hulbert, Hill House Hammond's managing director, said: "We have had a flood of people transferring their insurance from building societies." A broker will normally earn a commission of between 15 and 30 per cent, but will be able to offer a range of policies from different insurers. Insurers will charge significantly different premiums for cover in the same postcode area, Mr Hulbert said. In central Bristol, for example, buildings insurance for a £100,000 house will cost £300 a year from Sun Alliance but only £160 from Lombard Continental. Commercial Union will charge £140 a year for contents cover for a house in the same postcode area, while Guardian Royal Exchange will charge £114 and Lombard £90.

CGA Direct also offers quotes over the phone. Ian Dibben, managing director, said it could provide cover at up to 50 per cent less than a building society. It has sold 25 per cent more policies in the first ten months of this year than in the whole of last year. At least a third of these previously had insurance through their bank or building society.

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Liffe widens the options for private investors

By Sara McConnell

THE London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) is trying to encourage more private investors to use options as part of their portfolios. It has also launched eight new individual equity options.

Currently, about 20 per cent of private investors use either index options, for example FT-SE 100 options, or individual equity options as part of their portfolios, but Liffe is keen to expand this to up to 60 per cent.

Liffe is intending to hold more seminars for private investors interested in finding out more about options. The nine it has held were well attended. It also has a newsletter for private client stockbrokers and price information on options is available on Teletext and Ceefax.

This week, Liffe announced that options could now be taken on the shares of the Argyll Group, National Westminster Bank, Redland, Royal Insurance, Tomkins, Tarmac, Williams Holdings and Zeneca. People can no longer buy options on Eurotunnel, GKN, Scottish & Newcastle and Vaal Reefs.

By buying traded options, investors are given the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell at a fixed price, normally for a limited time.

Options are a way of betting on which way the stock market indices and individual stocks will move and of trying to take advantage of market fluctuations. It is cheaper to buy an option either to buy or sell shares or indices, than to buy the underlying shares.

Liffe says options "may be used in a number of different ways: as a form of insurance against the fall in the price of a share, as a way of generating income from an existing shareholding and most simply and for many, most interestingly, for straightforward speculation".

Options are generally only suitable for sophisticated investors, who can afford to take risks with money and who follow market movements closely enough to benefit from speculating on them.

It is possible for people to lose all their money if the market or the share moves against them.

Daniel Hodson, Liffe chief executive, said: "Private client brokers are normally careful to explain the risks. We don't think Sid is a substantial user."

Roger Barton, Liffe's managing director, business development, said most private investors used options in one of two ways, either to hedge an existing share portfolio to increase the return and reduce the potential risk, or as a limited form of speculation, taking the view that a share will fall or rise. The latter is more popular at present.



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Taxing times last even longer

By Lina Saigol

THE average British taxpayer now works harder for the government than at any time in the past seven years, according to a report this week from the Adam Smith Institute.

Tax freedom day, the day when average taxpayers can say that they have stopped working for the government and are working for themselves, has moved from May 25 last year to June 1 this year.

The institute said that the delay in tax freedom day was partly due to the recession, but was also a consequence of a higher public sector borrowing requirement.

The institute said: "It is deeply disturbing that UK taxpayers now pay over to the government every penny of what they earn for 152 days of the year, particularly because people were being released from their annual burden of taxation earlier and earlier throughout the whole decade of 1982-92."

Tax freedom day is calculated on projections from the Red Book, published as part of the Budget, and all taxes, direct and indirect, are included in the tax burden as calculated by the institute.

The report by Gabriel Stein, a City economist, ranks the UK eighth in a chart of worldwide tax freedom days.

It is the second time the institute has calculated tax-freedom day. America and Canada have calculated it for the past 70 years, and office workers in those countries mark the date that the taxman's bill is paid off with parties, cards and gifts.



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Margaret Dibben looks at the links between insurers and lenders

Mortgages with strings attached

MORTGAGES used to be so simple: first there were repayment loans and then, in the early 1970s, endowment life assurance became an acceptable back up with, until 1984, the advantage of tax relief on the premiums. The drawback was that you could not necessarily obtain a mortgage when you wanted it.

These days there is no difficulty in obtaining a loan, the problem is choosing exactly which one.

It takes a computer to track down all the special deals on offer, or even to understand exactly whose life policies are being sold.

Endowments are still popular with lenders, who earn millions of pounds of commission from selling them, but, since the Financial Services Act came into force, they have had to decide whether to sell the policies of just one insurance company or monitor the whole range.

Nearly every bank and large building society, apart from the Co-operative Bank and Bradford & Bingley and Yorkshire building societies, is now tied to a life assurance company whose products it must sell, regardless of how well or badly that company looks after the money. Some have linked with an existing insurer; others have set up a new company, often as a joint venture with an established insurer.

But that is only the first of the options. The big banks and, increasingly, some of the building societies have a direct salesforce, which is a team of people who can sell only the lender's and the tied insurer's products, but who are not restricted to working at the branch. They can go through the details in the customer's office or when he or she is at home after work. They do not cold-call customers, but will meet anyone who asks to see them.

Those who do not like the tied insurance company but do like the mortgage packages have an alternative.

All the large tied lenders, apart from Bristol & West and Cheltenham & Gloucester building societies, have bypassed the restricting legislation by having separate subsidiaries to act as independent financial advisers that are free to span the whole range of products available from insurance companies.

Those homebuyers who feel they can cope with the complexity of the subject, will find it is worth casting around several lenders for home loans, because there are some very good deals about at the moment, especially for first-time buyers. They need to be sure they understand what they are getting. Once the rate of interest is given, the second question that should be asked is: what are the restrictions?

> 'There are some very good deals about at the moment, especially for first-time buyers'

Almost every special-deal mortgage has strings attached. Usually, the lender insists that the borrower buys extra insurance on which it earns more commission. Special offers will have far higher arrangement fees than the basic-priced loans — often five times as much.

The Courts and Legal Services Act, when it comes into force, will prevent lenders from making it a condition of the basic mortgage that borrowers buy their insurance policies. But even then special-deal loans will be excluded from the legislation and it will be up to borrowers whether or not to accept the terms.

Most commonly, the compulsory insurance will be a buildings and contents policy or unemployment insurance. It is less usual these days for a lender to insist on an endowment or pension mortgage, which is just as well because, unless the borrower makes a special point of talking to the independent division, he or she will have no choice about which insurance company provides the policy — it has to be the one with which the lender is tied.

The table shows the payouts from full endowment policies taken out 25 years ago that matured last month. At that time, endowment mortgages were very new and low-cost endowments, let alone unit-linked policies, had hardly been invented. The policy quoted is also untypical because joint policies were unusual, lenders at that time would usually accept only the husband's life, smokers were not charged any more than non-smokers, and a £10,000 loan was high.

While it is not the sort of policy likely to be sold today, the table gives an indication of the performance of the established insurance companies. Where the lender is tied to company with a 25-year performance record we have used the example of a policy sold by that company 25 years ago.

The life companies that have been set up by lenders in the past couple of years do not have a long enough record, so we have taken a policy sold by the insurance company mostly responsible for managing the lender's funds. This is a reasonable indication of the sort of performance that might be achieved by the new insurer's policies.

However, as the companies have to point out, past performance is no guarantee of future success.

LENDER	TIED TO	DIRECT SALES FORCE	INDEPENDENT SUBSIDIARY	PERFORMANCE (a) MONTHLY PREMIUM £	MATURITY £
Abbey National	Abbey Nat Life	No	Yes	Refused to give figures (Scottish Mutual)	
Alliance & Leicester	Scottish Amicable	Yes	Yes	36.23	72,631
Barclays Bank	Barclays Life	Yes	Yes	Established 1986	
Bradford & Bingley	Independent	No	Yes	-	-
Bristol & West	Eagle Star	No	No	37	71,701
Britannia	Britannia Life	Pilot	Yes	44.97* (FS Assurance)	52,476*
Cheltenham & Gloucester	Legal & General	No	No	36.09	72,397
Halifax	Standard Life	No	Yes	37.46	78,634
Leeds Permanent	Norwich Union	Yes	Yes	37.97	70,233
Lloyds	Black Horse	Yes	Yes	(d)	
Midland Bank	Midland Life	Yes	Yes	(b)	
National & Provincial	N & P Life	No	Yes	36.73 (General Accident)	79,322
National Westminster	Nat West Life	Yes	Yes	36.09 (Clerical Medical)	73,981
Nationwide	GRE	Yes	Yes	36.21	52,502
Woolwich	Woolwich Life	Yes	Yes	(c)	

* a 20-year low-cost policy for male only
(a) 25 year with-profits endowment policy maturing March 1993 for £10,000 taken out by a couple both aged 30
(b) Fund manager for Midland's policies is James Capel which does not have 25 year track record for endowment policies
(c) Woolwich Life has a unit-linked mortgage managed by Mercury, a fund management group not an insurance company so comparable figures are not available
(d) Lloyds funds are managed by Lloyds Investment Managers which started a with-profits fund only 15 years ago (when it was a pure investment fund not a mortgage product)

Credit cards fall out of favour with MPs

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

CREDIT cards have fallen out of favour with members of parliament because of the high interest rates charged, annual charges and the reluctance to incur debts, according to a survey published by American Express, the charge card company.

Of those MPs questioned, a quarter said they had stopped using a credit card within the past 12 months. Many expressed a preference for cash or cheques.

The 125 MPs who responded to the survery were not opposed to credit cards, but they were concerned that consumers did not understand the true cost of the credit offered. In fact, the MPs themselves were not very clear. Almost half did not know the meaning of the term APR. The annual percentage rate is the true cost of the credit over a year including charges, which enables borrowers to compare different loans.

Almost 40 per cent of those MPs with credit cards admitted that they did not know their current APR. But 91 per cent agreed that credit and store card issuers should reduce the interest rates to reflect the bank base rate reductions. Of those who were willing to suggest a rate to be charged, most went for 4 to 5 per cent above the bank base rate of 6 per cent, or a straight 15 per cent.

More than half said that credit card issuers should communicate the cost of using cards more clearly. A few thought that credit cards should have a health warning so that users would think before using them.

The MPs also felt there was confusion between credit cards, which allow customers to borrow long-term providing they pay back a minimum of 5 per cent of the amount owing each month, and charge cards, which require the full amount outstanding to be cleared each month.

While nine out of ten MPs said they knew the difference between the two types of card, they estimated that as many as half of their constituents did not know the difference.

The parliamentarians believe that it is never too young to start financial control and planning. More than nine out of ten thought that schools should do more to educate future consumers on personal financial planning. Six out of ten said that people should try to plan their personal finances up to 12 months in advance.

The MPs said that they had seen a rise in the number of constituents seeking advice on mortgages, social security benefits and general indebtedness. Most felt that the bank manager was the best person for people to approach about financial advice.

The survey is part of American Express's campaign to encourage greater financial responsibility.

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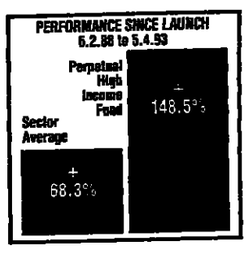
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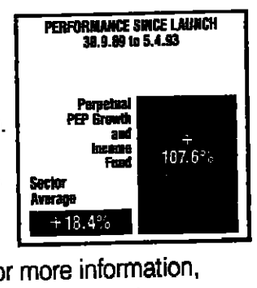
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Lloyds	3.09	3.09	2.47	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
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Midland	3.61	3.61	2.88	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
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Swindle of frozen pensions

From Professor P. G. Forrester

Sir, In the current discussion on occupational pensions, there has been little, if any, mention of the legal swindle perpetrated upon the many people who, on changing jobs, took "frozen" pensions prior to the great inflation of the seventies.

I contributed for 15 years to the compulsory scheme operated by my employer, a company now part of T & N. When I moved to another company in 1964, I had little option but to take a "frozen" pension. Transfer was not provided for, and the only alternative was a refund of own contributions less tax relief. I did not, of course, anticipate the horrendous inflation which followed. When I retired in 1982, the real value of my pension had been reduced by a factor of about ten. Since then, T & N have meticulously kept pace with inflation, but, of course, the damage had been done.

Occupational pension schemes must have benefited enormously from the non-indexing of "early leavers" (the great majority, in fact). Surely, the surpluses enjoyed by many such schemes should go to the dispossessed rather than provide pension holidays for the employer.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS



N&P rule change

From Mr Charles G. Beebe

Sir, I recently received from the National & Provincial Building Society papers relating to the annual meeting to be held on April 28. The chairman's covering letter states inter al: "We are again taking the opportunity to improve the society's rules . . ."

One such "improvement" is that "the board may from time to time . . . determine or limit at any time and from time to time and without notice the amount which may be withdrawn in respect of any share whether in a class or not:" (rule 8(C)iii). This appears to mean that if I invest in an instant access account, I may go one day to withdraw cash only to find that the society now requires say 90 days' notice.

I shall vote against this amendment to the rules, and I hope you will publicise the matter so that other members are encouraged to do likewise.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES G. BEEBE.
255 Mather Avenue, Liverpool.

Dividend charges

From Professor J. V. Chelsom

Sir, You may like to advise your readers that if the foreign currency cheque is for a dividend payment there are yet more charges.

Because the bank is required to bring the balance of tax deducted up to the standard rate, the customer needs the statement to make use of the tax credit. However, this is the first time in ten years of similar quarterly transactions that the bank has made a charge for this service — presumably one of the ways they fund the salaries of the staff who are now at my disposal for "free" financial advice.

Yours sincerely,
J. V. CHELSOM.
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Beckenham, Kent.

Bad decisions cost billions

From A. J. Leggat

Sir, The letter "Red letter day for Bank Managers . . ." (March 27) emphasises the growing annoyance of customers with the rapacity of these organisations. Most of the banks' troubles have been caused by bad decisions at the highest levels involving losses amounting to billions! Customers are now being asked to recoup these by being asked to pay for everything.

Banks, like other commercial organisations, must be profitable if they are to survive. They owe this to their shareholders and their customers whose deposits make a large contribution to the whole credit structure. Many depositors are unaware that in this computer age four days are needed to clear cheques.

As a result, many accounts are temporarily overdrawn. There must certainly be a penalty, but not at the price now being charged. In days gone by, money lenders who did this were burnt at the stake! Interest charges of 26.5 per cent, as in the case of your correspondent, and at other banks at rates exceeding 30 per cent, are exorbitant. To complete the oppression overdue depositors, without arrangement, have an extra charge of £5 debited and a cost of a further £10 for writing the letter! Disgraceful!

As long as these practices continue, bankers will continue to lose the good will of their customers — the most valuable asset of any business.

Sincerely,
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Countering the changing cost of legal aid

BY OWEN DYER

CHANGES to the legal aid system, which come into effect on Monday, will exclude some people from the system, while others will be liable to pay a far higher proportion of their legal costs and some will have to contribute to their costs for the first time.

People on low incomes still qualify for legal aid, but the maximum disposable income for free legal aid drops from £59 to £44 per week, after deductions for tax, National Insurance, rent or mortgage, council tax, pension contributions, union dues and other work expenses and allowances for a spouse and dependants are taken into account.

Those with a disposable income of between £44 and £130 a week will be eligible for legal aid, but their contributions will be higher. Legal advice under the green form scheme, now available to anyone earning up to £145 a week with a contribution, will be limited to people at income support level — £61 a week.

For the growing numbers outside the legal aid net, what are the options? In Germany, legal costs insurance is widespread, but policies have failed to catch on in Britain, except as limited add-ons to car or home insurance.

Some insurers offering wider cover have been pulling out of the market, having discovered that this type of insurance is more prone than most to "adverse selection". Policies are most likely to be taken out, in other words, by those who envisage a possible claim.

From next autumn, lawyers will be able to take cases on a "no win, no fee" basis, for personal injury claims, some insolvency cases, and applications to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Lawyers will be able to offer their clients representation without some of the risks.

The most radical change in lawyers' fees proposed is a full-blown US-style contingency fee system. The lawyer asks for no fees but has a cut of any damages won, usually about a third.

The Law Society has a working party looking at contingency fees with a view to introducing them in injury and commercial cases. John Appleby, who chairs the working party, hopes to bring his proposals before a society committee this month.

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Mugging up on the risks of travel overseas

By Liz Dolan

THE current spate of tourist muggings has highlighted the need for holiday makers to discover as much as possible about the areas they are visiting, both for their own personal safety and also to avoid falling foul of insurers.

For instance, according to Commercial Union, metro stations are favourite haunts for French muggers. Tunisian children are often trained by "local Fagins" to rob tourists by pretending to be beggars, and Barbadian robbers have a particular penchant for using chloroform. Information about local peculiarities may be obtained from a number of sources, including tour operators, travel agents, car hire firms and airlines.

Discovering how local people avoid muggers, studying routes and generally building up information is a much better defence than "hiding in your hotel room for two weeks", Martin Mills, business manager of Home & Overseas, Eagle Star's travel insurance arm, says. "Our advice is always: don't expose yourself to exceptional risks. It's probably OK to go for a walk from your hotel at eight o'clock in the evening, but not to walk down a back alley in a known black spot at three in the morning wearing an expensive watch."

However, what an insurer may consider exceptionally risky, the insured may consider perfectly reasonable behaviour. For instance, Home and Overseas's policies only cover valuables carried on the person, or left in a safety deposit box. Policyholders are urged to carry as little cash as possible. "Someone who carries $1,000 around Disneyland, or who leaves it at the mercy of a light fingered hotel cleaner, could be in trouble."

Policies vary, the Association of British Insurers says. "It's impossible to give specific guidelines. It depends on individual terms and conditions. Sometimes hotel rooms are covered, sometimes they are not."

Possessions left on beaches, or beside the pool, while swimming are unlikely to be covered. A spokesman for Commercial Union's Travellers Insurance subsidiary said: "I would always advise people to leave expensive watches at home. I have a cheap waterproof watch especially for holiday use. Beaches that are apparently deserted may not be, especially in Greece. CU has received several claims from people who have lost their belongings after leaving them on what appeared to be a deserted Greek cliff top."

Possessions left in cars may not be covered. A locked boot is often, but not always, considered sufficient protection: a car seat definitely is not. "The best policy is to act as though you are uninsured," CU said. "That way, your common sense should automatically tell you when you are taking unreasonable risks."

Holiday makers should never set off without having a copy of the terms and conditions of their insurance policy, the ABI says. "If the travel agency doesn't have them to hand, you should demand that they get them as soon as possible." Policies obtained through the major banks, building societies and tour operators should be safe, Mr Mills said, but: "Bucket shops offering flight only deals are often risky places to obtain insurance."

Documentary evidence is essential when seeking medical treatment in the US. "If you have to go to an American hospital after a mugging, the first thing they'll ask for is either details of your policy or a credit card. You'll only receive minimal treatment otherwise, so it's essential to carry evidence with you at all times."

Fraudulent claims are a major headache. "No one ever loses a Timex watch: they always seem to claim for upmarket brands," Mr Mills said. If all claims were valid, the Mediterranean would be awash with Nikon cameras and Rolex watches." Frauds are not always easy to prove, but: "You get a nose for them in the end. For instance, a claim for an expensive camera lost on a £150 package holiday in Benidorm is likely to set alarm bells ringing."

BRIEFINGS

The Norwich and Peterborough Building Society has launched Top 20, an investment account, with a minimum balance of £10,000 and a maximum of £500,000. Fixed interest rates to July 1 start at 7.05 per cent gross for £100,000 and over.

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☐ The Royal Bank of Scotland's Royal Reward bonus account is paying up to 8.35 per cent for bigger savers. Savers who invest a minimum of £5,000 and make no withdrawals from their account from the date of opening for a year are given a guaranteed annual 2 per cent gross bonus payment on top of normal interest rates.

☐ A team of cover consultants at Lloyds Bank will offer advice on health care policies. Top-of-the-range policies start at £5.16 a week, and Lloyds Bank Over 60s Health care plan offers tax relief on premiums. Lloyds Bank Insurance Direct: 0800 751 751.

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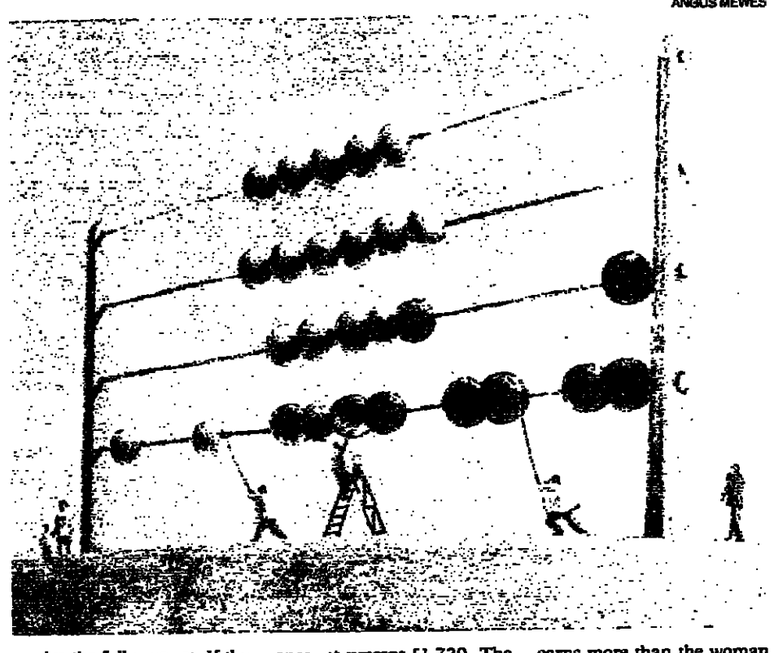
☐ Scarborough Building Society's Young Super Saver account is designed to encourage regular savings at an early age. The account can be opened by anyone under 18 with a minimum of £10 and a maximum of £5,000. The first 2,500 investors will receive a Young Super Saver money box and badge with follow-up gifts. Interest on £10-£99 is 5 per cent gross and on £1,000-£5,000, 8 per cent gross.

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Getting to grips with maintenance payments

By Lina Saigol

ANGUS MEWES



MORE than 800,000 lone mothers on income support are unlikely to gain from the new child maintenance arrangements set out by the Child Support Agency, according to a report by the Child Poverty Action Group.

But high income groups may benefit from the new rules. On Tuesday, the Child Support Agency started to take over from the courts the work of determining the amount of such payments in most cases of separation and divorce.

Alison Garnham, the *Child Support Handbook* co-author, said: "The scheme uses a formula for calculating maintenance payments which effectively leaves two families on the equivalent of income support levels, rather than one, as maintenance will be deducted pound for pound from benefit and recouped by the Department of Social Security."

However, some women can benefit from changes in the tax treatment of maintenance payments. Previously, only the husband could claim the married couple's allowance, but under the new rules, the wife is allowed to claim half, and if the husband agrees, she can receive the full amount. If the wife is only claiming half the allowance, she can claim an additional personal allowance to take the total up to the total of the married couple's allowance, at present £1,720. The wife can also claim a further additional personal allowance as long as one child is living with her for most of the year. "On average, the man still earns more than the woman, so it might be more beneficial to both parties if the husband continued to claim the allowance," an Inland Revenue spokeswoman said. The new system may, however, affect mortgage interest relief. If the husband has been making the mortgage payments and he is the one that leaves the house, then the house is no longer his main residence so he would not be able to obtain relief. To receive relief, he must submit a statement that says he is making the payments on behalf of his wife. Mortgages that are not in Miras will not receive relief.

But despite criticisms, the agency's long-standing maintenance arrangements could help prevent family disputes. David Paul, an agency spokesman, said: "We act as a buffer between parents who cannot confront each other because of certain situations."

Miss Garnham says that this move will only slow down the collection of the maintenance payments: "The agency is handling between 2 to 3 million cases, which is a lot to be operating a banking system for. If on top of that the agency has to act as a buffer, it might take a longer time to administer the collection of payments."

The new rules apply to all new court orders and written agreements that were applied for on or after March 15, 1988, and to all payments due on or after that same date. Miss Garnham agreed that the changes had helped higher income groups, but said that for poverty to be reduced for other lone parents, there needed to be a wider agenda.

The Inland Revenue's booklet, *IR93 Separation, Divorce and Maintenance Payments*, is available from any tax enquiry centre or tax office, or from the Public Enquiry Room, West Wing, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LB.

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Euro Smllr Cos	149.00	158.90	-0.50	1.90
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German Growth	54.83	58.50	-0.36	0.70
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High Yield Acc	51.36	54.93	-0.71	4.43
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Capital	278.60	296.30	-1.80	2.10
-do- Acc	388.00	412.70	-2.50	2.10
Contl Smllr Cos	47.03	50.53	+0.41	1.07
-do- Acc	48.66	52.29	+0.43	1.07
Convertible	108.60	115.50	-1.40	6.50
-do- Acc	201.20	214.00	-2.40	6.50
European	95.91	102.40	+0.20	1.14
-do- Acc	99.10	105.80	+0.20	1.14
Extra Income	283.00	301.00	-4.80	4.42
-do- Acc	396.20	421.40	-6.80	4.42
Financial	105.30	111.10	-0.50	0.70
-do- Acc	107.50	115.60	-0.50	0.70
Health Fund Inc	103.60	110.60	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	103.60	110.60	-2.20	...
Income Tst	174.50	185.60	-2.70	4.05
-do- Acc	243.80	259.60	-3.90	4.05
Intl Growth	299.20	319.50	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	332.20	354.80	+0.90	...
Japan Gen	161.30	172.50	+7.40	...
-do- Acc	162.90	174.20	+7.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.83	92.45	-0.50	1.04
-do- Acc	92.07	96.91	-0.53	1.04
Monthly Income	143.30	152.40	-2.20	4.58
Recovery	280.20	299.60	-1.40	0.86
-do- Acc	328.20	350.90	-1.60	0.86

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	339.57	361.25	-7.66	2.91
-do- Acc	685.64	729.40	-15.48	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	103.01	109.59	-0.05	0.89
-do- Acc	106.10	112.87	-0.04	0.89
Fixed Int Dist	130.59	138.13†	+0.46	6.34
-do- Acc	219.40	232.07†	+0.82	6.34
Intl Gth Dist	74.34	79.09	+0.58	0.85
-do- Acc	76.90	81.81	+0.60	0.85
Nth Amer Dist	164.66	174.44	-1.04	0.75
-do- Acc	178.56	189.17	-1.14	0.75
Pac Basin Dist	231.16	245.91	+6.45	0.36
-do- Acc	234.80	249.79	+6.55	0.36
Stewardship Dist	293.57	312.31	-4.62	1.90
-do- Acc	347.32	369.49	-5.46	1.90
Stwd Inc Dist	61.19	65.10	-0.56	3.61
-do- Acc	74.96	79.75	-0.71	3.61
N Am Stwd Dist	96.30	102.45	-0.58	...
-do- Acc	101.88	106.38	-0.62	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	132.60	141.90†	-3.90	..
European	390.00	413.60†	+3.10	1.03
Far East General	205.90	230.30	+6.20	0.33
Germany	97.55	103.20	-0.50	0.44
Global Assets In	65.61	70.10	-0.09	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.75	73.45	-0.09	2.27
Income Inc	111.40	119.20†	+1.00	7.37
International	253.70	271.40†	+1.80	1.03
Intl Income	76.03	80.84	-0.05	4.93
Japan General	348.50	370.50†	+20.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.76	47.86	-0.60	6.35
UK Capital Inc	153.20	163.90	-2.10	4.07
-do- Acc	262.10	280.40	-3.60	4.00
Uk Spec Sits	70.17	75.05	-0.98	1.70
US General	110.90	118.10	-1.00	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	110.80	118.50	-0.80	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.67	45.64	-0.75	1.69
Cash Trust*	128.03	128.03	+0.05	5.03
Fnacl Inv Inc	100.08	107.33†	-0.52	3.98
-do- Acc	214.84	230.39	-1.12	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	93.99	100.79	-4.01	1.49
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.97	26.71	-0.45	7.86
High Inc	31.12	33.28	+0.06	5.02
UK Equity Inc	127.20	136.04	-1.45	3.90
Global Bond	29.08	30.13†	+0.24	5.74
International Funds				
Gold Intl	70.86	75.99	+1.35	1.29
Frontier Markets	39.72	42.60†	+0.68	0.21
Global Inc Gth	116.64	124.46†	+0.42	2.21
UK Intl	107.66	115.14	-0.21	0.66
Overseas Funds				
American	125.40	133.70	-1.42	0.55
European	79.99	84.84†	+0.91	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	91.64	97.70	+0.96	1.08

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 8526

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	121.57	130.03	+3.48	0.37
American Gth	116.52	124.62	-2.40	...
European Gth	68.09	72.59	-2.92	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	75.59	80.84	+3.45	...
Pacific Inc	129.35	138.35	+3.97	2.85
Pacific Strategy	106.42	113.81	+1.40	0.25
UK Prog Inc	76.32	80.42	+1.12	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.57	50.05	-0.89	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.16	46.16	-0.42	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	130.60	130.60	+0.10	4.70
Gilt Fixed	119.90	127.10	+0.30	6.48
Growth Equity	277.60	296.50	-7.30	6.48
Guardhill	411.00	439.00	-10.90	2.40
Income Trust	107.10	114.40	-0.90	3.43
International	152.50	162.90†	+1.40	0.36
Japan Trust	121.20	129.40	+5.40	...
Nth American	248.60	265.30	-2.30	0.46
Pacific	352.30	376.30	+2.20	...
European	332.80	355.50	-0.20	0.58

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838865

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.24	36.30	-0.20	1.79
-do- Acc	35.84	38.00	-0.20	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	29.15	30.90†	-0.37	4.24
-do- Acc	30.30	32.12	-0.38	4.24

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.69	75.73	+1.57	0.96
Equity Income	110.90	118.00†	-2.20	3.59
European	130.80	138.40†	+0.60	0.87
Intl Situation	73.24	77.91	+0.54	...
Japanese	137.70	146.10	+7.40	...
North American	96.24	102.10	-1.70	0.06
Scandinavian	103.70	109.60	+1.30	0.47
Smaller Cos	28.66	30.49	-0.38	2.30

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	85.48	91.41	-2.21	...
Asian Enterprise	116.16	125.52	+1.49	1.02
Australian	131.01	140.04†	+2.53	1.56
European	360.43	381.58	+3.99	1.13
European Inc	68.43	72.36	+0.49	3.47
Euro Smll Co	120.60	129.03	+0.27	1.14
Extra Income	252.14	268.42†	-5.30	5.07
Family of Funds	67.50	72.08	-0.46	1.35
Fixed Interest	55.17	59.00†	-0.08	8.82
Global Resour	89.63	96.21	+1.17	1.17
High Inc	277.74	296.90	-3.56	4.79
Income Gth	230.82	245.81	-4.05	4.14
-do- Acc	580.85	618.59	-10.18	4.14
International	221.12	235.31†	+2.73	1.01
Japan Spc Sit	224.43	238.69	+16.63	...
Japan	192.30	204.41	+10.72	...
N Amer	216.18	230.02	-4.06	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	166.28	180.35†	+3.87	0.63
Pref Gilt	46.35	50.37	-0.04	8.51
Smaller Cos Div	156.26	170.31	-1.24	4.85
Special Sits	246.19	269.41†	-3.78	2.22
-do- Acc	370.35	405.89†	-5.83	2.22
Best of British	53.70	57.57	-1.34	2.75
Spirit of the East	56.63	60.62†	+2.11	0.51

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
British	85.91	91.88	-2.10	2.36
Capital	151.50	162.00	-2.50	1.99
Dollar	298.90	319.60	-1.10	0.17
European	189.50	202.60	-0.50	0.55
Far East	222.20	237.60	+3.30	0.64
Financial	647.90	692.90†	-6.70	2.57
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.44	26.84	-0.02	8.00
High Yield	98.27	105.10	-0.90	4.96
Income	130.90	140.00	-2.60	3.54
Intl	208.60	223.10	+2.00	0.36
Japan Tech	67.07	71.73	+4.56	...
Nat Resources	54.92	58.73	-0.44	0.80
Security	287.40	307.30†	-6.60	2.15
Smaller Cos	103.30	110.40†	-0.80	1.65

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.84	25.06	-0.32	1.65
Special Features	26.05	27.67†	-0.52	1.47
-do- Acc	30.80	32.72†	-0.62	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.43	55.11	-1.08	1.95
Assets Earnings	68.84	73.14	-1.72	1.87
do Acc	80.90	85.95	-2.02	1.87
Managed Invest	83.45	89.18	+0.38	1.22
Rupert Children	73.71	78.66†	-1.87	1.68
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.34	50.34†	+0.03	4.53
Extra Inc	77.44	82.89	-0.25	4.57
Gilt	27.99	29.46	+0.03	6.56
Income Gth	38.03	40.68	-0.60	3.54
Milestar	75.14	76.89†	+0.34	7.90
Preference	17.58	19.24†	-0.11	6.21
UK Income	297.60	318.20†	-4.20	3.11
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.45	57.85	-0.46	1.32
Property Shares	57.26	60.83†	+0.13	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.20	146.40	-2.10	3.60
European Acc	108.20	114.50	+0.60	1.34
European Dist	103.00	109.30	+0.60	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.35	50.35†	-0.73	1.02
European Perf	105.20	111.70	+1.10	1.08
-do- Acc	107.30	113.80	+1.10	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.50	21.83	+0.12	0.74
French Growth	67.20	71.50	-0.20	0.40
-do- Acc	71.79	76.38	-0.22	0.40
Hong K/China	63.02	67.68	-0.29	1.82
Intl Growth	49.46	52.55	+0.41	0.76
-do- Acc	49.46	52.55	+0.41	0.76
Japan Perf	33.06	35.11	+1.80	...
Accum Units	33.06	35.11	+1.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.53	36.67	+2.37	...
Singapore Asean	70.56	74.54	+2.00	0.43
-do- Acc	71.00	77.02	+2.02	0.43
South East Asia	205.60	222.10†	+2.50	1.09

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10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.04	69.38†	+0.05	4.97
Extra Income	50.84	54.08†	-0.65	6.77
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.50†	...	7.34
Global Income	193.70	206.10	+1.10	4.25
High Yield	127.20	135.30†	-1.80	6.11
Smllr Cos Div	45.31	48.20	-0.33	4.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.83	93.44	-0.79	...
North American	74.14	78.87	+0.04	0.41
European	127.70	135.90	+0.80	0.86
Euro Special	76.76	81.66	+1.26	0.94
General	257.10	273.50	-7.50	3.26
Japan	387.50	412.70	+25.60	...
Japanese Special	202.70	215.60†	+10.80	...
Master Acc	208.60	221.40	-1.90	1.39
Pacific	248.10	263.90	+4.80	0.47
Smaller Cos	93.97	100.00	-1.20	2.10
N American Gen	173.60	184.70	-3.40	0.01
-do- Acc	200.50	213.30	-4.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	124.60	132.60	-2.60	0.01
-do- Acc	127.10	135.30	-2.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	187.90	199.90	-2.70	0.65
-do- Acc	198.60	211.30	-2.80	0.63
Small Cos Rec	291.60	307.00	-2.50	2.45
-do- Acc	376.20	396.00	-3.30	2.45
UK Growth	76.40	81.28	-1.38	2.21
-do- Acc	89.09	94.78	-1.60	2.21
Worldwide Gth	265.00	282.00	-0.50	0.23

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	72.44	77.06	-0.01	0.92
Extra Income	23.52	25.02†	-0.28	3.30
Far East	25.60	27.23†	+0.95	1.00
Income Gwth	71.05	75.59†	-1.32	2.80
Intl Growth	50.07	53.27†	-0.42	0.79
Japan	61.44	65.36	+4.05	..
Maximum Dist*	100.80	102.80	+0.10	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.94	40.36	-1.35	0.51
UK Equity	84.19	89.56	-1.70	2.93

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.69	54.99	-1.11	4.55

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	410.10	436.30	-10.60	2.97
Equity Acc	778.50	828.20	-20.00	2.97
Equity Income	89.10	94.79	-1.47	5.21
European	93.31	99.27	+0.46	1.72
Far Eastern	170.90	181.80	+3.40	0.32
Fixed Interest	51.09	54.39†	-0.01	7.40
Gilt	89.07	95.41†	-2.19	7.00
Global Growth	63.60	67.66	+0.88	0.77
Intl Bond	55.46	59.00	+0.47	5.00
Japanese	66.74	71.00	+2.53	...
Overseas Equity	92.79	98.71	+1.52	0.60
Pacific Gth	79.10	84.15†	+1.44	1.33

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced	307.60	327.30	-1.50	2.80
-do- Acc	666.10	708.70	-3.10	2.80
Contl Euro Gth	50.17	52.82	-0.03	1.33
-do- Acc	53.06	55.86	-0.02	1.33
Extra Inc	231.70	246.50	-7.20	3.78
-do- Acc	563.30	599.30	-17.60	3.78
German Gth	99.86	106.30	+0.20	0.27
-do- Acc	104.80	110.40	+0.20	0.27
Growth Port	473.70	504.00	-4.90	1.00
-do- Acc	473.70	504.00	-4.90	1.00
Income	432.50	460.20	-14.80	3.60
-do- Acc	1097.0	1168.0	-36.00	3.60
Income Port	482.20	513.00	-3.10	5.21
-do- Acc	482.20	513.00	-3.10	5.21
Japan Growth	91.91	97.78	+3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	92.23	98.12	+3.71	0.01
Master Trust	50.38	53.60	-0.37	1.43
-do- Acc	54.79	58.29	-0.41	1.43

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	75.61	81.13	-1.46	3.10
Income	57.67	61.88†	-0.65	6.10
International	54.96	58.97	+0.40	0.80
American	57.50	61.69	-0.74	0.40
Japan	50.54	54.23	+2.74	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.68	56.52†	-0.52	2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gen	375.50	396.30	-1.70	0.89
-do- Acc	463.30	489.00	-2.10	0.89
American Rec	398.20	421.10	-0.10	0.29
-do- Acc	455.60	481.80	...	0.29
Am Sm Co Acc	113.00	119.50	-0.60	0.04
Australia Acc	140.40	148.50	+3.02	1.47
Capital	610.30	645.30	-10.00	2.83
-do- Acc	673.30	712.10	-10.90	2.83
Commodity Acc	399.80	422.70	-0.80	0.93
Compnd Gth	790.40	835.80	-13.70	3.02
Dividend	33.30	35.60	-0.50	4.44
-do- Acc	129.40	138.60	-2.00	4.44
Equity Inc	276.20	292.40	-4.90	5.09
European Div	56.60	60.30	...	4.41
-do- Acc	64.00	68.10	-0.10	4.41
European Gen	372.10	393.50	+1.30	1.63
-do- Acc	464.90	491.60	+1.50	1.63
Extra Yield	348.30	372.70†	-4.60	4.49
-do- Acc	1018.4	1089.7	-13.60	4.49
Far Eastern	270.30	285.80†	+5.20	1.02
-do- Acc	353.50	376.00	+6.80	1.02
Fund of Inv	478.90	506.40	-2.40	2.30
-do- Acc	864.10	913.80	-4.30	2.30
General	51.70	54.70	-0.70	3.64
-do- Acc	136.10	144.10	-1.90	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	58.80	62.20	+0.20	7.88
do Acc	153.70	153.90	-0.70	7.88
Gold	42.80	45.30	+1.40	1.39
-do- Acc	50.10	53.00	+1.60	1.39
High Inc	23.70	25.10	-0.30	4.73
-do- Acc	87.80	93.10	-1.10	4.73
Intl Growth	66.00	70.00	+0.50	0.96
-do- Acc	113.80	120.60	+0.70	0.96
Intl Inc	89.30	94.40	+0.30	4.70
Japan Gen Acc	47.60	50.50	+1.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	134.50	142.60	+5.50	...
Midland	50.10	53.00	-0.50	4.01
-do- Acc	158.60	167.60	-1.60	4.01
Recovery	33.90	36.30	-0.60	3.10
-do- Acc	53.30	57.10	-0.92	3.10
Second Gen	58.60	62.00	-0.90	3.68
-do- Acc	143.30	151.70	-0.70	3.68

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680068

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	132.30	141.50†	-0.60	2.10
-do- Acc	146.90	157.10†	-0.70	2.10
UK Income	109.30	116.90†	-1.30	2.81
-do- Acc	121.90	130.30†	-1.60	2.81

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	73.69	78.81	+1.27	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	127.30	135.10	+0.70	0.70
Income Growth	69.19	73.45	-2.25	4.07
European	65.21	69.22	+0.18	1.34
Nth American	55.47	58.88	-1.12	1.13
UK Growth	74.17	78.73	-1.52	1.40
Intl Growth	88.85	94.32†	+1.46	0.69
Charities	106.70	113.20	-1.20	4.09
Intl Income	65.81	69.86†	-0.06	3.96
Japan	50.40	53.50†	+3.51	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	183.50	194.80	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	196.10	208.20	-2.10	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	-0.10	5.62
-do- Acc	128.60	128.60	+0.10	5.62
European Gth	187.40	199.00	+0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	200.60	213.10	+0.20	0.80
General	440.70	470.10†	-11.40	2.58
-do- Acc	838.50	894.40†	-21.70	2.58
Global Dist	130.20	137.00†	+0.40	5.33
-do- Acc	145.70	153.30†	+0.50	5.33
Income	133.30	142.10†	-2.30	4.79
-do- Acc	195.00	208.00†	-3.30	4.79
International	366.50	390.00	+0.30	0.72
-do- Acc	486.30	517.40	+0.50	0.72
Japan	168.10	178.50	+8.30	...
-do- Acc	172.60	183.30	+8.50	...
New Europe	129.80	138.50	-0.90	1.87
-do- Acc	132.00	140.80	-0.90	1.87
Recovery	282.40	301.30	-6.30	2.98
-do- Acc	352.90	376.50	-7.80	2.98
European Inc	72.92	77.44	+0.06	3.15
-do- Acc	92.90	98.24	+0.07	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	69.57	73.93†	-1.76	3.41
-do- Acc	81.82	87.20†	-2.07	3.41
Portfolio	71.14	75.62†	-1.04	3.00
-do- Acc	80.90	85.98†	-1.19	3.00
Gold General	81.66	87.11	+3.49	1.08
-do- Acc	82.79	88.31	+3.55	1.08
Pacific	83.56	89.13	+1.83	0.94
-do- Acc	88.33	94.21	+1.92	0.94

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 520 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.57	59.75†	-0.45	3.35
-do- Acc	56.71	60.65	-0.46	3.35
British Dist	74.76	79.96	-2.01	2.43
-do- Acc	84.64	90.52	-2.27	2.43
European Gth	163.90	174.90	-1.60	0.16
-do- Acc	205.60	219.50	-1.90	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.49	71.11†	-0.46	6.75
-do- Acc	117.00	125.10	-0.80	6.75
FT-SE 100 Index	47.04	50.31	-1.27	2.98
-do- Acc	47.04	50.31	-1.27	2.98
Gilt Fixed Int	56.15	58.45†	+0.03	7.04
-do- Acc	147.70	153.80	+0.20	7.04
High Yield	213.50	228.30	-2.30	5.13
-do- Acc	490.80	523.90	-5.00	5.13
Income	268.90	287.50	-5.40	3.87
-do- Acc	558.80	597.60	-11.30	3.87
Japan Gth	327.50	350.30†	+13.70	...
-do- Acc	345.60	369.60	+14.40	...
Mandarin Acc	91.75	98.13	+2.35	1.66

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	249.00	265.00	-4.80	...
Deposit Inc	99.91	99.91	-0.26	4.63
Deposit Acc	121.82	121.82	+0.08	4.63
Euro Gth Acc	253.40	270.00	+3.10	...
Europa	114.90	123.30	+0.80	...
Intl Gth	162.80	173.70	...	...
Japan Tracker	72.89	77.16	+3.01	...
UK Equity Inc	139.50	150.10†	-2.60	4.39
-do- Acc	170.90	183.90†	-3.20	4.39
UK Ind Tracker	137.80	147.60	-2.70	3.28
US Eq Ind Trkr	186.20	197.30†	-0.90	1.48
-do- Acc	196.90	208.70†	-0.90	1.48
Asian Trader	140.00	152.00†	+2.30	0.51

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Inc	161.90	165.50	-3.60	2.44
European	59.31	60.60	+0.14	1.13
Olympiad	52.04	53.39	+0.58	0.51
Global Bond	47.58	48.19	+0.27	6.72
Smaller Cos	62.20	64.90	-0.77	1.24
Equity Income	89.57	92.17†	-1.42	5.19
UK Growth	79.70	82.10†	-1.20	1.89

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.93	48.99	-0.38	0.82
Australian Acc	289.20	310.20	+8.20	...
Conscience	61.07	65.17	-1.13	1.09
-do- Acc	65.58	69.98	-1.21	1.09
European	164.40	175.30†	-0.70	1.11
-do- Acc	176.90	188.60	-0.70	1.11
Extra Income	70.82	75.58	-1.04	5.87
-do- Acc	107.10	114.30	-1.60	5.87
Far East Gth	149.30	159.40	+3.70	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.04	61.43	+0.02	6.45
Gold	32.45	34.89	+0.85	...
-do- Acc	34.94	37.56	+0.90	...
Income	50.55	53.92	-0.90	5.21
-do- Acc	151.60	161.70	-2.60	5.21
International	28.13	30.23	+0.05	1.12
-do- Acc	40.49	43.43	+0.07	1.12
Jap Sm Cos Acc	300.60	320.60	+22.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	158.40	169.80	+6.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.80	25.59	-0.27	1.88

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	65.95	70.17	-1.28	2.97
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.74	78.04†	+1.00	7.44
N&P Higher Inc	183.40	194.60	-1.80	5.10
N&P UK Income	97.90	104.71	-1.95	4.15
N&P Intl	83.18	89.45	-0.73	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	71.64	76.63†	-0.84	1.70

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	155.12	165.03†	-1.19	2.54
Global	264.61	281.50†	-0.12	1.29
Growth	101.62	108.11†	-0.87	2.50
Income	193.72	206.09†	-2.29	4.60
Intl Bond	125.25	132.88†	+0.75	7.02

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth	134.00	141.00	-2.50	2.56
-do- Acc	232.70	244.30	-4.20	2.56
Income	210.20	223.60†	-2.80	3.62
Intl Equity	215.20	229.90	+2.40	0.97
-do- Acc	235.60	250.60	+2.60	0.97
Equity	210.40	223.80	-4.10	2.42
-do- Acc	426.50	453.70	-8.30	2.42
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.87	71.14	-0.69	1.95
UK Income	58.22	61.93	-0.90	3.00
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.30	72.65	-0.70	1.58
New Europe Acc	59.94	63.77	-0.04	1.40

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.07	87.78	+0.45	0.38
PEP Gth Inc	94.74	101.33	-0.39	1.34
Intl Gth	452.78	484.26	+2.97	0.68
Income	280.50	300.00†	-4.14	3.38
W wide Recov	280.72	300.24	+2.05	0.62
American Gth	193.03	206.45	-0.41	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.17	180.94	-0.01	0.20
Far East Gth	198.83	212.66	+7.07	0.06
European Gth	108.05	115.57	+0.42	1.08
UK Growth	72.25	77.28	-1.34	1.02
High Income	78.80	84.28	-0.99	4.60
Japanese Gth	197.71	210.36	+8.41	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	167.80	178.60†	+5.30	0.89
High Income	105.20	111.90	-2.30	3.56
Conv Gilt	106.90	113.70	-5.50	6.49
Far East	286.40	304.60†	+13.70	0.38

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	47.34	50.36	-0.26	0.58
Emerging Mkts	58.67	62.41	-0.56	0.23
General	46.24	49.19	-1.15	3.48
International	80.96	86.13†	+0.69	1.32
Gilt Units	26.45	27.27	-0.03	8.05
Global PEP	34.20	36.38†	-0.20	2.14
Income Gth	61.96	65.91	-1.21	5.34
European	41.86	44.53†	-0.01	1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.27	26.88†	-0.21	6.20

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricelink: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	29.85	31.92†	+0.06	1.61
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.48	101.48†	+0.07	5.26
-do- Acc	104.55	104.55†	+0.07	5.26
Pru Equity	635.80	680.00†	-20.78	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	78.77	84.24	-1.30	4.56
Pru European	168.49	180.20	-0.52	1.87
Pru Global Gth	76.64	81.96	-0.58	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.70	90.58†	-0.28	5.67
Pru Intl	154.60	165.34	-0.53	1.31
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.87	69.37†	+0.17	0.93
Pru Japanese	190.49	203.73†	+9.53	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.32	147.93	-0.92	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	68.79	73.57	+0.51	1.91
Pru Prem Inc	49.09	51.12†	-0.52	7.49
Pru Smllr Cos	80.02	85.58	-0.90	2.02
Pru Spec Sits	95.43	102.06	-1.97	2.27
Pru UK Growth	106.40	113.79†	-2.38	2.38

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
NC Income	150.08	161.66	-2.81	3.67
NC Japan	260.42	279.05	+12.32	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.06	97.96	-1.95	2.46
NC America Inc	462.49	495.93	+0.18	0.86
-do- Acc	537.18	576.03	+0.22	0.86
NC Smlr UK Cos	247.77	270.54†	-2.34	1.57
NC European	247.91	264.60	+2.98	1.32

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.75	76.32	-0.74	3.79
Capital Units	137.50	146.20	-0.90	1.44
Commodity	94.46	100.40†	-1.70	1.30
European Gth	145.40	154.60	+0.50	1.41
Financial Sec	164.80	175.30	-0.40	1.92
High Return	204.70	217.70	-3.10	4.68
High Yield	197.90	210.50†	-2.90	3.83
Income Units	104.60	111.20	-0.60	4.95
Investment	164.10	174.50†	-1.10	1.14
Japan Gth	140.90	149.80	+6.10	..
Japan Smaller	169.90	180.70	+9.70	...
Masterfund	43.75	46.54	+0.09	0.97
Scotbits	240.20	255.50	-0.80	1.65
Scotshares	247.70	263.50	-2.60	3.85
Scotyields	215.90	229.60†	-3.10	4.06
Select Intl	123.60	131.40†	-0.40	0.75
Smaller Cos	211.50	224.90†	-0.33	4.27
Special Situation	104.50	111.10	-3.80	0.76
UK Equity	215.80	229.50	-2.90	2.94
US Growth	134.60	143.10†	-1.00	0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	228.45	243.68	-3.01	0.57
-do- Acc	246.81	263.25	-3.26	0.57
Australian	128.62	137.19	+0.85	0.87
-do- Acc	151.21	161.29	+1.00	0.87
UK Enterprise	198.64	211.88†	-5.21	2.68
-do- Acc	229.47	244.77	-6.01	2.68
European Gth	59.33	63.28†	+0.35	1.30
-do- Acc	61.42	65.50	+0.35	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	95.19	98.86†	+0.19	0.34
-do- Acc	55.56	59.27	+0.20	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	64.76	69.07	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	65.80	70.18	+1.42	...
Fixed Interest	51.84	54.67†	-0.20	8.60
-do- Acc	63.70	67.18	-0.24	8.60
Gilt Income	102.60	108.11†	-0.08	8.45
-do- Acc	143.39	151.08†	-0.11	8.45
Income	292.67	312.18†	-5.13	4.16
-do- Acc	863.43	920.99	-15.16	4.16
Japan Enterprise	63.42	67.64†	+3.39	...
-do- Acc	63.42	67.64	+3.39	...
Japan Smllr Cos	397.71	424.22†	+24.35	...
-do- Acc	398.31	425.07	+24.40	...
Pacific Gth	84.00	89.60	+2.74	0.48
-do- Acc	86.50	92.26	+2.82	0.48
Smaller Cos	180.66	192.72†	-2.03	1.06
-do- Acc	207.07	220.86	-2.33	1.06
Tokyo	100.92	107.64†	+6.29	...
-do- Acc	101.94	108.73	+6.36	...
UK Equity	198.28	211.49†	-4.48	2.79
-do- Acc	367.18	391.66	-8.24	2.79
US Smllr Cos	127.13	135.60	-1.59	...
-do- Acc	127.13	135.60	-1.59	...
World Fd	67.82	72.34	-0.27	1.69
-do- Acc	71.51	76.27	-0.28	1.69

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Income	42.03	44.76	-1.23	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.09	66.13	-0.63	1.60
European Opps	70.01	74.56	-0.60	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.38	100.92	+0.10	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	47.95	51.07	-0.34	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	332.90	355.70	-7.80	2.83
American	238.80	253.60	-2.60	0.90
Pacific	312.90	334.70	+10.80	0.73
European	444.60	475.50	+1.20	1.20
Worldwide	75.36	80.60	-0.29	1.32

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	294.50	313.40	-6.90	2.90
UK Sm Cos Eqty	188.50	[illegible]	-1.90	2.36
European	321.00	[illegible]	-5.50	1.98
North American	241.00	[illegible]	-2.60	0.54
Income Plus Inc	63.41	[illegible]	-0.73	3.82
UK Spec Sits	64.19	[illegible]	-1.29	2.34

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.52	[illegible]	-0.34	[illegible]
Intl Growth Acc	27.56	[illegible]	+0.19	[illegible]
Global Inc Acc	30.55	[illegible]	+0.30	[illegible]
Market Ldrs Acc	25.41	[illegible]	-0.36	2.91

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	79.47	84.99	-0.59	..
Euro Spec Sits	44.04	46.80	+0.21	..
-do- Acc	46.63	49.55	+0.25	..
Far East Opps	29.06	31.27	+0.53	..
-do- Acc	29.96	32.13	+0.54	..
General Growth	96.00	102.70	-2.00	2.05
Global Tech	110.00	118.80	-2.70	..
Income Growth	97.11	104.40	-2.40	3.59
Income Monthly	55.18	59.01	-0.94	[illegible]
Japan Growth	77.24	82.13	+4.15	..
Overseas Gth	74.04	78.87	-1.31	..
Smaller Cos	69.07	71.26†	-0.58	1.62
Special Opps	96.59	103.90	-0.70	2.21

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 224, Beckenham BR3 4F
081 663 3003

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	..	..	..	
Global Bond	...	...	...	
Japan Samurai				
UK Growth	...	...		

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	42.59	45.26	0.21	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	56.64	60.19	1.17	1.65
UK Eq General	40.69	43.24†	0.86	2.44
-do- Acc	53.80	57.17	1.14	2.44
European Acc	39.98	42.48	0.07	1.15
Far East Acc	52.50	55.79	-2.87	0.16
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.16	31.90†	-0.17	6.66
N American Acc	42.19	44.93	-0.49	0.73
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	266.60	280.30	+3.60	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	33.77	35.89†	-0.74	4.06
-do- Acc	40.10	42.61	-0.88	4.06
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.50	303.30†	-4.90	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Acc	363.90	394.90	-6.40	3.88

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global A	NZ$3.50	NZ$3.72	0.03	1.13
US Eq	$2.042	$2.169	-0.03	0.80
Far East Eq	¥235.3	¥249.9	-16.50	..
Japan Eq	¥235.8	¥240.9	+7.30	..
FT Europe	110.20	117.00	-1.90	2.17
FT North Am	$1.689	$1.791	-0.05	1.08
FT Japan	¥235.7	¥250.3	-21.90	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.10	121.20	-1.00	1.80

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	331.70	352.40	2.50	0.30
British	908.70	961.40†	20.50	4.40
European	375.50	399.50	0.90	1.50
Japan	136.10	145.00	7.40	..
New Pacific	279.70	297.90	3.00	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.44	95.44†	0.05	5.34
Majority Stlg	99.60	100.59†	0.06	5.24
Inv Tst	177.70	188.40†	0.60	1.89
Saints PPP	366.90	366.30	5.70	..

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	706.20	755.30	-14.90	2.75
N America Acc	108.50	116.00	-2.50	0.16
Far East Acc	114.50	122.50	+2.10	..
W wide Bond	59.68	63.67†	+0.53	5.35
European	80.33	85.91	+0.31	0.55
Equity Income	79.71	85.25	-2.31	[illegible]

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	32.90	35.19	-0.39	0.64
Managed Assets	115.10	123.11	-0.82	3.25
UK Income	35.49	37.96	-0.67	3.06
UK Growth	34.88	37.31	-0.65	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.09	32.19	+0.53	0.47

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	197.09	209.67	-0.96	0.01
-do- Acc	216.47	230.29	-1.07	0.01
British Gth	81.88	87.11	-1.56	1.86
-do- Acc	96.35	102.51	-1.83	1.86
European	90.39	96.16	-0.52	0.84
-do- Acc	95.34	101.42	-0.55	0.84
Extra Inc	179.73	191.20	-3.45	3.87
-do- Acc	286.71	305.01	-5.51	3.87
General Unit	251.89	267.97	-5.73	2.50
-do- Acc	497.03	528.75	-11.32	2.50
Income	309.25	329.00	-9.43	3.50
-do- Acc	629.96	670.17	-19.23	3.50
International	466.35	496.12	+0.87	0.51
-do- Acc	609.59	648.50	+1.13	0.50
Pacific	318.09	338.39	+6.47	...
-do- Acc	333.13	354.39	+6.77	...
Premier Income	50.94	53.01	-0.05	6.47
-do- Acc	104.62	108.94	-0.06	6.17

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 3545

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European Opps	59.95	63.94	-0.17	0.46
-do- Acc	60.57	64.60	-0.18	0.46
Far East Opps	139.10	148.37	+4.41	..
-do- Acc	142.34	151.82	+4.51	..

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	13.55	14.41	+0.80	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.35	31.22	+0.19	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.95	39.31	-0.19	0.10
Global Bond	$0.965	$1.008	+0.00	7.30
Penny Share	21.39	22.71	-0.02	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.50	52.51	+0.05	5.63
Gilt Growth	66.50	69.20	+0.34	...
Gilt Income	52.32	54.44	+0.21	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	108.60	+0.30	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	+0.00	..
Challenger	91.61	93.74	+1.14	..

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	65.70	69.89	-0.86	1.95

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	731	Coats Vyla	1,600	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	665
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Cm Union	810	Lloyds Bk	1,100	Scot Power	2,600
Anglian W	664	Courtaulds	350	MB Cardn	580	Sears	8,100
Argyll Gp	1,200	De La Rue	200	Marks Spr	4,700	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wig	888	Eng China	369	NFC	657	Shell Trans	3,000
AB Foods	461	Enterpr Oil	847	NatWst Bk	2,200	Siebe	389
BAA	1,000	Fisons	4,000	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	5,100
BAT Inds	2,000	Forte	3,100	Nth Wst W	1,500	Smith Nph	7,100
BOC	912	GRE	2,300	Nthrn Fds	2,400	Smith (WH)	490
BP	3,600	GUS A	366	P & O	442	Sthern Elec	852
BT	3,100	Gen Acc	271	Pearson	680	Std Chartd	941
BTR	1,900	Gen Elec	3,600	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	4,300
Bk of Scot	548	Glaxo	5,100	Prudential	2,800	TI Gp	692
Barclays	3,400	Granada	2,000	RTZ	2,900	TSB	1,500
Bass	882	Grand Met	1,700	Rank Org	439	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Blue Circle	992	Guinness	3,200	Reckitt Col	857	Tesco	4,200
Boots	1,900	HSBC	1,200	Redland	921	Thames W	1,800
Bowater	299	Hanson	3,200	Reed Intl	736	Thrn EMI	320
Brit Airwys	3,800	ICI	949	Rentokil	178	Tomkins	5,300
Brit Gas	6,600	Inchcape	1,600	Reuters	607	Unilever	1,800
Brit Steel	9,500	Kingfisher	574	Rothmans	315	Utd Bisc	1,800
Burmah C	89	Kwik Save	230	Ryl Ins	1,000	Vodafone	2,400
Cable Wire	1,600	LASMO	3,800	Ryl Bk Scot	858	Wellcome	3,400
Cadbury	847	Ladbroke	1,600	Sainsbury	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	424
Carlton C	434	Land Secs	655	Scot Hydro	740	Wllms Hld	553

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones — 3396.48 (-0.54)
S&P Composite — 441.84 (-0.89)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge — 19967.27 (+138.04)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng — 6285.67 (+3.97)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency — 107.9 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO — 1665.7 (+10.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX — 1655.73 (+5.42)

FT 30 share: — 2180.8 (-1.9)

Brussels:
General — 6325.04 (+31.39)

Paris: CAC — 535.35 (-4.34)

Zurich: SKA Gen — 493.9 (+3.7)

London:
FT A All-Share — 1384.98 (-0.03)
FT 500 — 1514.41 (-0.27)
FT Gold Mines — 128.7 (-1.3)
FT Fixed Interest — 112.95 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs — 97.20 (same)
Bargains — 24184
SEAQ Volume — 451.5m
USM (Datastrm) — 130.74 (+0.11)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 8/4/93: Alexon, Evered Bardon, Hartstone, Haemocell, Kewill Systems, Kunick, Meggitt, Nat Home Loan Prf, Ratners, Shoprite, Surrey Group, Tarmac, TIP Europe, Vistec, Whitecroft.
Puts: BAT, Haemocell. Put & Call: Avesco.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	7	29	42	5	33	38
(*554)	600	1	11	21	51	65	71
ASDA	57	10	13½	15½	1	3	5
(*66)	67	1	8	10½	3	7½	9
Bass	500	47	58	70	1	12	17
(*547)	550	5	28	42	12	30	39
Boots	460	10	33	42	5	22	27
(*467½)	500	1	14	26	38	43	49
Br Airways	260	26	38	46	1	8½	13
(*282)	280	7½	25	34	5	16	21
BP	280	26	34	40	1	8	13
(*305)	300	8	22	28	4	15	21
	330	1	9	15	27	34	39
Br Steel	70	13	16	17½	1	3½	5
(*81½)	80	4	9½	12	1½	7½	9½
C & W	700	33	57	72	3	26	33
(*730)	750	3	30	45	28	51	60
CU	580	33	55	62	1½	15	27
(*610½)	629	3	28	37	23	36	50
Courtauld	550	14	33	47	4	27	34
(*556½)	600	1	13	26	45	62	65
GKN	420	27	45	49	1	13	21
(*443½)	460	2	20	29	18	32	42
Grnd Met	390	32	45	53	1	11	15
(*421)	420	6	27	34	8	22	30
ICI	1100	46	95	105	1½	34	53
(*1142½)	1150	12	66	80	19	57	83
	1200	2	44	59	63	87	112
Kingfishr	584	9	32	44	9	35	43
(*585)	632	1	14	26	50	67	72
Ladbroke	160	14	24	29	1½	10	14
(*172)	180	1½	14	21	11	18	25
Land Sec	500	38	45	50	1	11	17
(*535½)	550	3	14	22	17	40	43
M & S	330	14	25	33	1½	12	16
(*343½)	360	½	11	19	19	29	35
Sainsbury	460	7	27	37	7	30	33
(*455)	500	2	13	22	45	55	60
Shell	550	39	55	64	1	6½	14
(*587½)	600	3½	23	32	15	25	35
Smkl Bch	390	24	44	54	1	18	23
(*410½)	420	4½	28	38	13	33	36
Storehse	180	17	26	31	1	10	13
(*194½)	200	4½	15	22	8	21	24
Trafalgar	74	5	9½	14	2	6	7½
(*78)	83	1½	6½	9	6½	12	14
Unilever	1100	20	62	85	6	30	41
(*1115)	1150	3	36	55	40	57	66
Utd Bisc	360	20	36	45	1	13	18
(*376)	390	2½	20	29	14	27	32

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	46	54	70	8½	25	34
(*783)	800	15	29	44	33	50	59
BAT Ind	850	51	76	89	16	32	48
(*884)	900	24	50	62	41	56	73
BTR	600	17	32	39	16	25	35
(*598½)	650	4	13	20	56	57	66
Br Aero	260	27	40	51	13	25	33
(*272½)	280	17	31	40	24	36	44
Br Telcm	420	19	30	35	8½	19	24
(*428)	460	4	11½	18	34	44	48
Cadbury	460	24	36	47	10	18	25
(*466½)	500	6½	18	28	35	40	47
Guinness	460	17	29	39	20	28	36
(*467)	500	4	14	25	51	54	61
GEC	300	25	31	34	3	9½	13½
(*322)	330	6½	13½	18½	14½	25	29
Hanson	220	15½	19	24	3	7½	11
(*230½)	240	5	9½	14	13½	18	22½
LASMO	140	19	25	30	4	9	12
(*154½)	160	7½	14	21	13	19	24
Lucas	120	12	17	21	6	10	14
(*126½)	130	5½	12½	16	11	15½	21
P & O	550	27	47	57	17	30	48
(*555)	600	7½	25	36	50	60	78
Pilkingtn	110	12	15	20	4	8	11
(*116)	120	7	10	15	8½	14	16
Prudential	300	36	43	47	2	6	10
(*332)	330	14	23	30	10	16	23
RTZ	650	31	53	67	14	27	39
(*662½)	700	10	29	44	45	55	65
Scot New	420	43	51	55	3	13	19
(*456½)	460	14	25	32	16	32	39
Tesco	220	10	18	24	11	15	19
(*224)	240	3	11	16	26	29	33
Thames W	550	22	30	35	10	28	33
(*556)	600	3½	10	18	46	62	64
Vodafone	360	36	44	54	5	14	19
(*388)	390	16	27	38	16	26	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2821)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	80	38	8	3	2	1½
May	105	72	45	27	16	7
Jun	125	93	66	46	30	18
Jul	145	113	85	63	46	36
Dec	-	200	-	154	-	111
Puts						
Apr	3	11	35	85	134	184
May	25	41	66	100	138	184
Jun	44	60	83	114	149	189
Jul	61	76	103	130	165	204
Dec	-	130	-	180	-	239

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	21	30	38	12	19	24
(*368½)	390	9	17	25	29	36	41
Amstrad	30	5½	7½	8	2½	3½	4
(*34)	35	3½	5	6	4½	6	6½
Barclays	390	31	42	51	12	22	28
(*406)	420	16	27	37	28	38	44
Blue Circ	220	15	23	29	15	21	26
(*226½)	240	7½	15	20	30	34	38
Br Gas	280	35	35	38	4	7	12
(*310)	300	17½	22	26	9½	14	19½
	330	4	9½	13½	31	34	39
Dixons	200	23	28	35	10	18	22
(*208½)	220	11	18	26	22	29	33
Eurotnl	460	37	55	78	38	49	59
(*470)	500	20	39	60	59	74	81
Forte	180	13	17	21	14	17	22
(*182½)	200	5½	10	13	26	31	35
Glaxo	550	53	73	82	22	35	51
(*571½)	600	27	48	59	48	61	80
	650	14	31	41	85	95	115
HSBC	600	43	62	75	26	42	52
(*609)	650	21	40	53	55	70	78
Hillsdwn	140	13	16	21	10	14	17
(*147)	160	4	10	13	23	26	28
Lonrho	80	10	13	16	5½	9½	10
(*83½)	90	5	9	12	11½	14½	17
Reuter	1300	84	118	150	38	68	84
(*1335½)	1350	57	92	122	64	94	113
R-Royce	120	11	16	20	8	12	15
(*122½)	130	7	12	15	13	18	21
Sears	100	8½	12	14	6½	9	11
(*103)	110	3½	6½	9	13	15	17
Thm Eml	850	37	52	65	26	51	59
(*856)	900	16	30	43	57	84	90
TSB	160	20	24	27	5	9½	12
(*174)	180	9	14	17	14	20	23
Vaal Reefs	50	5½	7½	9½	5	7	8½
(*550)	60	2½	4	5½	11	13½	15
Wellcome	650	75	105	118	24	42	51
(*700)	700	47	73	90	47	65	79

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	160	11	22	29	3½	16	21
(*166½)	180	2½	13½	21	14	29	33

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	40	50	56	4½	16½	22
(*492)	500	14	25	33	20	37	42

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	26	36	45	9	14	19
(*345)	360	11	21	30	24	29	33
Scot Pwr	310	28	31	36	5	12	14
(*329)	330	14	20	24	12	21	24

April 8, 1993 Tot: 42360 Call: 21483 Put: 20877 FT-SE Call: 3251 Put: 5444
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2834.0	2842.0	2824.0	2835.0	6996
Previous open interest: 42622	Sep 93	2850.0	2850.0	2850.0	2853.0	50
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.24	94.28	94.23	94.25	11255
Previous open interest: 288059	Sep 93	94.38	94.42	94.37	94.38	4571
	Dec 93	94.34	94.40	94.33	94.36	3017
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.70	96.72	96.70	96.72	451
Previous open interest: 17792	Sep 93	96.54	96.54	96.54	96.58	205
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.87	92.89	92.84	92.84	16685
Previous open interest: 494806	Sep 93	93.75	93.78	93.72	93.74	10725
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-20	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-11	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-16	107-02	106-11	106-31	26277
Previous open interest: 56373	Sep 93				106-02	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.55	108.10	107.51	108.05	2044
	Sep 93				107.50	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.10	96.29	95.99	96.07	43086
Previous open interest: 144752	Sep 93	96.39	96.53	96.39	96.34	386
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.95	92.00	91.93	91.93	752
Previous open interest: 17224	Sep 93	92.85	92.87	92.83	92.86	251
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.49	95.52	95.46	95.47	2495
Previous open interest: 33457	Sep 93	95.86	95.87	95.85	95.86	137
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.50	94.88	94.50	94.58	11197
Previous open interest: 51896	Sep 93	94.40	94.40	94.40	94.49	2

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Despite the proximity of Easter, coffee and cocoa traders have been unable to roll away the stone of apathy that has plagued the market this week. Trading interest in coffee centred on the May/July spread, while cocoa received support from light industry buying. New crops on wheat finally started to attract fresh selling as traders expected lower intervention prices to spark off fresh farm selling.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	690-689	Jul	780-778
Jul	702-701	Sep	793-791
Sep	715-714	Dec	815-807
Dec	734-732	Mar	845-825
Mar	753-752		
May	767-765		Volume: 3958

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	895-893	Jan	869-867
Jul	850 BID	Mar	880-870
Sep	850 BID	May	890-878
Nov	859 BID		Volume: 3381

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	214.0-10.0
Spot: 231.3		Mar	unq
May	241.0-39.0	May	220.0-15.0
Aug	248.0-46.0	Aug	unq
Oct	245.0-43.0		Volume: 6

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	276.2-74.0
Spot: 283.0		Mar	277.9-74.0
May	288.5-88.1	May	280.4-77.0
Aug	291.4-91.0	Aug	284.9-80.5
Oct	275.4-75.0		Volume: 2861

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.06	133.51	136.22
(+/-)	-1.74	-0.63	-0.85
Eng/Wales:	91.12	134.37	136.11
(+/-)	-1.64	-1.78	-0.46
(%)	-46.2	-64.1	-23.0
Scotland:	87.80	128.33	136.45
(+/-)	-13.73	+0.66	-2.12
(%)	n/a	-80.9	-16.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	112.0	112.0	Jul	unq	unq
Jun	109.0	109.5			Volume: 27

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.75
Jun	144.40
Sep	108.25
Nov	110.65
Jan	113.50
	Volume: 276

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.75
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.10
Mar	112.25
May	113.65
	Volume: 38

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	144.50
Jun	140.00
Aug	141.00
Oct	144.50
Dec	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	40.0	40.1
Apr	92.5	92.0
May	unq	98.0
		Volume: 22

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
May — 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 8.30pm): The market went into the weekend on a very relaxed note.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	18.80	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.20	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.35	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	205 (-1)	207 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	176 (-6)	177 (-6)
Non EEC 1H Apr	177 (-4)	178 (-4)
Non EEC 1H May	175 (-2)	176 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (-1)	176 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Apr	179.75 EXP	Jul	173.25-73.50
May	173.25-73.50	Aug	174.75-75.25
Jun	172.50-72.75	Sep	176.75-77.00
			Vol: 28646

BRENT (8.15pm)

May	18.79-18.80	Aug	18.87 SLR
Jun	18.83 BID	Sep	18.97 SLR
Jul	18.76-18.79		Vol: 34556

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	202.75 EXP	Jul	202.00-12.50
May	203.00 SLR	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	207.00 SLR		Vol: 324

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1450	1435	1450
May 93	1423	1420	1422
Jun 93	unq	unq	1361
Jul 93	1260	1250	1260

Vol: 61 lots. Open int'st: 3060 Index 1477 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1326.0-1327.0	1348.0-1349.0	1809375
Lead (£/tonne)	285.50-286.00	294.50-295.00	112100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	996.50-997.00	1015.0-1015.5	298050
Tin ($/tonne)	5625.0-5630.0	5680.0-5685.0	12850
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1113.0-1113.5	1135.0-1135.5	887775
Nickel ($/tonne)	5994.0-5995.0	6058.0-6062.0	40242

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.1 (day's range 79.9-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7565-2.7772	2.7701-2.7736	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	50.36-50.57	50.40-50.50	9-13ds	26-31ds
Copenhagen	9.4080-9.4440	9.4090-9.4310	3⅞-5⅝ds	13¾-15¼ds
Dublin	1.0026-1.0093	1.0059-1.0080	22-27ds	65-73ds
Frankfurt	2.4483-2.4555	2.4483-2.4516	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	227.92-229.28	228.29-228.75	214-286ds	486-714ds
Madrid	175.42-176.95	175.83-176.26	125-150ds	365-415ds
Milan	2386.60-2416.80	2386.60-2391.30	10-12ds	32-35ds
Montreal	1.9081-1.9206	1.9163-1.9184	0.13-0.04pr	0.26-0.12pr
New York	1.5175-1.5280	1.5250-1.5260	0.34-0.32pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.4250-10.4670	10.4310-10.4540	2½-3ds	6¾-8ds
Paris	8.3000-8.3280	8.3030-8.3170	2⅜-2¾ds	6¾-7¼ds
Stockholm	11.5890-11.6510	11.5930-11.6170	3¼-4¼ds	11¾-12¼ds
Tokyo	171.57-172.97	172.70-172.90	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.21-17.29	17.21-17.26	2½-3½ds	7-8½ds
Zurich	2.2542-2.2645	2.2577-2.2616	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5209-1.5235
Australia dollar	2.1533-2.1564
Bahrain dinar	0.567-0.579
Brazil cruzeiro*	40816.0-40891.2
Cyprus pound	0.726-0.736
Finland marka	8.8245-8.9045
Greece drachma	330.75-337.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8106-11.8199
India rupee	47.15-48.11
Kuwait dinar KD	0.454-0.464
Malaysia ringgit	3.9340-3.9398
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.8329-2.8401
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6345-5.7605
Singapore dollar	2.4821-2.4854
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9325-6.9830
S Africa rand (com)	4.8558-4.8637
U A E dirham	5.518-5.642

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4098-1.4108
Austria	11.29-11.31
Belgium (Com)	33.05-33.09
Canada	1.2578-1.2583
Denmark	6.17-6.18
France	5.445-5.450
Germany	1.6085-1.6095
Hong Kong	7.732-7.733
Ireland	1.514-1.516
Italy	1590.0-1591.0
Japan	113.03-113.08
Malaysia	2.5755-2.5775
Netherlands	1.8165-1.8175
Norway	6.84-6.85
Portugal	149.85-150.05
Singapore	1.625-1.626
Spain	115.4-115.8
Sweden	7.615-7.625
Switzerland	1.4809-1.4819

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 3 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 5¾, close 3.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.22-3.19	3.43-3.40
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅛-7⅞	8⅛-8	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	10⅞-10⅝	9⅞-9⅝	9⅛-9⅞	8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	10⅞-9⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅝	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.70-338.00 Close: $336.80-337.30 High: $338.50-339.00
Low: $335.40-335.90 Krugerrand: $336.00-338.00 (£219.00-22.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $358.75 (£234.95) Silver: $3.85 (£2.515) Palladium: $111.50 (73.00)

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Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 29. Dealings end April 16. §Contango day April 19. Settlement day April 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Portfolio Plus

There is no Portfolio Plus game over the Easter holiday. It will resume with the weekly game on Tuesday.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Nt	369	...	11.5	3.0	14.2
348	179	Allied Irish	346	+1	...	4.6	...
176	130	Aus New Z	156	+5	...	6.2	...
3830½	2831½	Bankamerica	3336½	+75	...	...	...
348	188	Bk of Ireland	343	...	...	4.9	38.9
325	325	Bk Leumi Uk	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	123	+½	6.3	4.5	19.1
464	362	Barclays	406	-1	15.1	4.7	...
5	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Charlotte	17	...	...	...	...
475	395	Cater Allen	475	+3	26.0	6.8	...
115	85	Charles	113	...	...	4.6	...
2450	1787½	Close Mann	2325	+75	...	...	...
2043½	1345½	Citicorp	1925	+69½	...	...	...
345	280	Close Bros	340	-3	...	3.5	15.1
£1295	£275	Commerzbk	£1215	...	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£286	...	...	2.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1208	+28	...	0.4	65.1
435	343	Gerrard Nat	435	+1	21.0	6.0	...
654	490	HSBC	610	+1	30.0	4.9	...
634	474	HSBC HK	585	-2	19.0	4.1	...
356	242	Hambros	324	-7	13.6	5.3	14.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	15.8	5.5	...
12p	9p	King Shaxson	12p	...	5.0	5.0	...
398	312	Kleinwort Ben	378	...	16.0	5.3	13.1
573	402	Lloyds	534	+2	18.4	4.3	13.3
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	85	...	3.0	4.4	16.8
240	189	Nat Aust Bk	413	+7	...	3.3	13.4
398	308	Nat West	441	-1	...	4.5	12.8
830	674	Provident	820	...	...	28.5	4.3
47	39	Rea Bros	43	...	...	9.2	10.5
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	259	...	...	8.8	4.2
1975	1335	Schroders	1790	...	...	22.0	11.5
731	576	Stand Chart	698	-2	...	...	...
187½	145½	TSB	174	+1	6.4	4.6	...
119	78	Union Disc	104	...	...	...	...
649	529	Warburg SG	649	+9	18.0	3.5	19.2
218	185	Wintrust	218	+4	...	3.4	...
7625	6845	Wells Fargo	7093	+237	...	3.5	...
159	121	Wemyss	141	+1	...	5.7	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

646	550	Allied-Lyons	552	-6	20.0	4.5	12.8
647	533	Bass	547	-1	18.9	4.3	11.9
258	189	Boddington	244	-5	7.3	3.7	14.2
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	406	...	9.0	2.8	18.7
139	129	Burnerene Fre	133	...	4.4	4.2	9.7
307	261	Dervish (IA)	296	-1	7.8	3.3	16.8
98	75	Eldridge P A'a	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	54½	Fosters Brewing	58	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	308	Fullr Sm 'A'a	360	...	...	2.3	15.1
480	411	Grand Met	472	+5	12.3	3.6	14.0
423	386	Greenalls Grp	396	-2	15.3	3.9	14.2
563	505	Greene King	559	-1	11.6	2.6	14.5
516	440	Guinness	467	+3	...	3.2	16.3
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree a	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.0
78	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	3.0	3.5	25.0
288	255	Highland Dist	279	...	6.0	2.7	18.4
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	...	35.0	1.5	20.9
55	33	Hoskins Brew	47	...	...	...	33.8
323	250	Invergordn Dist	311	-1	7.0	3.4	...
186	166	Macallan-Glen	166	...	4.9	0.7	...
465	380	Macdn Marth 'A'	360	...	8.8	2.8	12.3
730	655	Mansfield	729	...	13.6	2.3	15.7
256	231	Miston Thmp	249	...	4.9	2.5	14.6
435	413	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
320	255	Mrydwn W	263	+2	...	...	14.7
490	455	Morland	455	...	8.4	2.3	18.1
12	6½	Paramount a	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
980	768	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	...
482½	408	Scot & Nwc	457	...	16.1	4.4	12.5
198	181	Taunton Cider	190	...	...	4.2	13.7
342	213	Vaux Group	335	-1	9.3	3.0	16.2
268	225	Wolverhpton JD	258	...	...	2.3	20.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	457	+1	16.9	4.6	12.8
1180	870	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolverhmpton D	577	-6	11.4	2.5	14.5
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Abingtonsa	18	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen a	99	+1	...	7.0	10.8
94	65	Amec	84	+3	3.0	4.5	...
6½	4	Anglia Sec	5½	...	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead a	175	...	4.1	3.0	23.7
142	110	Ashwoods	110	-1	5.0	5.8	15.7
238	180	BPB Ind	206	+1	...	4.6	57.4
80	57	Baggeridge Brk	74	...	5.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	74	...	1.2	2.1	13.4
138	94	Barratt Dev	129	+2	2.0	1.9	14.4
392	305	Beazley	391	-1	11.5	3.7	22.7
32	15	Bellwinch	22	...	...	...	...
382	295½	Berkeley Gp	382	+3	...	2.0	26.4
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
46	36	Blackfrys	42	...	1.0	3.0	...
240	189	Blue Circle	227	+5	11.2	6.2	22.7
280	230	Bod (Henry)	277	...	...	2.4	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	92	+2	4.6	6.4	...
105	82	Br Dredging	95	...	5.2	7.0	...
70	45	Brh Fittings	53	-1	5.3	...	...
137	99	Bryant	126	+1	4.8	4.8	29.0
63	53	CALA	59	+1	2.3	...	...
258	205	CRH	253	+1	...	3.6	16.1
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
37	23	Cannin	33½	+1½	...	...	...
129	93	Countryside	122	+2	4.1	4.2	32.2
63	38	Crest Nicholson	58	...	0.0	...	...
65	28	Cussins	60	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunmow	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hidgs	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
188	178	Epwin	188	+1	6.8	4.6	...
47	32	Erith	42	...	2.0	...	...
338	252	Eve Groupa	335	...	...	3.6	12.1
50	34	Evered Bardon	38½	+2	2.0	6.7	...
6½	4½	Explasma a	6	...	...	...	...
124	97	Freeman Gpa	120	...	...	...	...
50	35	Galliford	39	...	...	4.3	15.7
78	68	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	...	...	...
753	685	Gleeson (M)	753	...	12.7	2.1	11.1
105	90	Hawden-Stuart	105	+½	1.0	1.2	...
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	...	2.6	49.8
248	186	Heywd Witn	232	...	12.5	6.7	...
69	37	Higgs & Hill	65	+7	2.5	4.9	...
38	22	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	10.7
19	15	Howard Hidgs	17	...	0.5	3.7	...
61	39	Ibstock Johnsen	53	-1	6.0	...	...
19	14½	Jarvis	17½	...	...	...	...
247	196	Laing (J)	229½	+2	9.0	4.9	...
83	55	Ln Clydesdale	62	...	4.0	6.1	25.3
21½	10½	Lovell (C)	20	...	...	...	9.1
305	240	Manders	292	-1	9.0	3.9	17.9
130	93	Marley	130	+2	4.3	4.0	...
76	61	Marshalls	68	-2	...	9.2	22.8
130	122	Maunders (J)	124	...	4.9	5.0	11.4
163	98	Mcalpine (A)	163	+3	6.5	5.0	28.2
38	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

635	463	ADT	590	+10	...	...	...
22	19	Adam & Harvey	21½	...	11.0	5.5	13.9
88	56	Air Londona	80	...	...	5.5	9.9
50	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.6	...
175	125	Aims Sec	154	-2	5.3	4.4	...
108	64	ASD Grp	97	...	...	9.2	12.7
75	41	BMB Res	73	+3	...	4.8	40
318	258	BPP	284	...	8.0	3.5	...
285	250	Barbour Index	280	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Bourstead	17	...	0.7	5.7	...
336	284	Brit Data Mgt	308	-1	...	2.4	17.3
14	11	Broadcastdec	14	...	...	...	46
55	55	Brooks Service	55	...	4.0	...	17.5
184	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.7
486	419	Capita Group	459	-19	6.3	1.7	...
633	556	RMC Gp	608	+7	20.0	4.1	22.6
119	91	Raine Ind	91½	-½	6.0	8.2	15.3
36	20	Ramsay a	22	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	434	...	...	7.5	35.6
73	64	Roskel	72	...	...	7.8	...
254	207	Rugby Group	241	-4	6.4	3.3	...
40	25	Sevtld-Rwa	38	-2	...	...	...
109	68	Sharpe & Fisher	99	...	4.0	5.2	...
172	110	Sheffield Ind	158	...	5.4	4.3	...
93	82	Sheriff Hidgsa	93	...	...	2.7	13.9
95	66	Shorcrea	88	-1	...	8.3	...
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Staveley	5½	...	0.3	6.8	6.6
139	108	Tarmac	133	+5	5.5	5.2	55.0
194	137	Tay Homes	173	...	5.8	4.2	11.1
97	63	Taylor Woodrw	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	486	-4	33.0	8.8	...
24	19	Torex Hire a	23	...	...	2.2	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	188	+3	8.0	5.3	20.6
34	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.2
28	21	Tudor a	26	...	...	...	...
69	41	Vibroplant	68	+2	3.6	9.4	8.8
41	20	Ward Hidgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Wms Blake	445	...	10.7	3.1	...
14	8	Wyeside a	13	...	...	...	...
121	65	Westbury	120	+2	...	5.1	...
12	4½	West Smithfield a	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
399	321	Wilson Bowdn	394	+5	8.7	2.8	...
178	147	Wilson (C)	166	+3	5.9	3.0	...
152	107	Wimpey G	149	+6	5.2	4.4	...
41	25	YRM	41	...	4.0	...	4.7

DRAPERY, STORES

105	68	Alexon	78	...	3.0	4.8	...
70	42	Amber Day	68	+1	3.1	5.7	18.6
319	257	Argos Plc	307	+6	...	2.9	21.1
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	84	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	263	Asprey a	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
203	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.7
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.5	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	120	...	3.8	4.0	67.7
273	208	Bentorware	250	-2	...	0.6	35.3
31	22	Blacks Leis	22	...	3.1	...	4.5
257	133	Body Shop	220	...	1.6	0.9	25.4
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	...
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	79½	+½	...	3.2	...
146	126	Camtors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
320	295	Church	320	...	12.5	4.9	...
183	97	Clinton Cards	160	...	4.2	3.4	...
245	212	Coast Capital	241½	+4	...	3.8	26.0
106	78	Colourvision a	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Coure Furnish	468	...	5.0	1.3	22.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	148	...	...	2.0	9.9
89	69	Daisy Fashn Ind	86	...	...	3.9	...
65	51½	Dewhirst (JJ)	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
281	203	Dimoss Grp	209	-1	6.0	3.6	24.6
387	330	Dunloe	358	+3	7.2	2.7	12.4
21	12½	EBA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.0	8.6
115	71	Essex Furn	90	...	...	3.5	16.8
226	203	Etam	207	-1	6.6	4.0	18.5
562	499	Fine Art Dev	554	...	11.8	2.5	23.3
50	28	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formfitter	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn a	51	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabriele a	40	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	...	...
70	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2645	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
1738	1565	-do- 'A'	1625	+4	40.0	2.1	12.9
48	34	Hardgdon Grpa	38	...	...	3.4	...
186	133	Harrisons	133	+5	4.8	4.6	8.1
25½	20	Helene Pic	22½	...	2.0	11.9	...
42	29	Heritage a	39	+1	...	...	...
58	35	Honeysuckle a	50	...	...	...	7.4
189	128	Hse of Lerose	183	...	10.3	7.0	...
66	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
505	496	Kingfisher	505	+9	...	3.0	16.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
495	410	Liberty	480	...	9.0	1.9	39.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	287	+2	5.5	2.4	11.3
152	120	MFI	122	...	...	3.7	16.9
360	311	Marks Spencer	344	+5	7.1	2.6	30.9
490	445	Menzies (John)	480	...	10.0	2.1	16.8
152	135	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	39.1
174	139½	Next	169	-1	2.5	1.9	...
23	15	Oliver (G)	22	...	...	...	...
250	209	Orthame Ind	209	...	...	5.7	13.6
63	45	Pittards	49	...	1.5	3.9	...
313	255	Q5 Hldgs	293	...	5.1	2.2	...
19	17	Ramers Group	17	...	0.4	17.6	...
35	30½	Rhino Grp a	35½	...	2.6	2.1	...
163	137	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	...	...
106	93	Sears	101	+½	4.2	4.2	28.3
20	9	Smith WH 'A'	9½	-½	13.4	6.0	14.9
14½	4½	Speckleyes a	6½	...	...	...	...
210	176	Storehouse	195	-3	5.0	3.2	...
191	158	T & S Stores	168	-2	5.0	4.6	...
113	71	Tie Rack	113	+6	0.6	0.6	...
198	156	Time Products	194	...	7.5	4.8	19.0
100	63	Usher (Frank) a	95	...	...	6.8	7.5
45	27	Viyet	36½	...	1.0	3.5	...
40	35	Wensum a	39	...	...	...	8.9
104	78	Wickes	96	-1	...	...	45.6
68	45	Wld of Leather a	60	...	...	...	...
185	146	Wyevale a	185	...	...	2.7	...
3½	2½	Xtra-vision a	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	161	+2	4.5	3.5	15.9
238	223	Acala	223	...	...	3.1	10.9
162½	38	Accrol Comps a	103	-3	...	...	52.2
480	285	Admiral	440	...	5.4	1.5	18.6
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	30½	Alphameric	39	+1	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34	+2	0.4	...	...
128	101	App Holoa	101	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
33½	28½	Aztec	31	...	...	...	...
250	250	Beales Hunter	266	-1	9.2	4.3	14.0
9	7½	Bennett & Fount	9½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	345	-13	19.2	7.3	22.3
525	455	Brick	490	+1	9.2	2.4	18.3
1650	1150	Burlandsa	1350	+50	...	...	...
302	274	Bpetercorpe	287	+2	6.3	2.7	...
449½	376	BT	438	...	14.4	4.2	15.9
9	5½	Bzzigin (AP) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	+10	13.2	2.3	22.5
750	589	Cable Wireless	730	...	...	...	...
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	Chl. Micro+	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
98	74	Comptr People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	109½	Cray Elec	132	...	...	0.5	10.8
326	243	Crtchley	310	-6	...	2.5	22.8
465	414	Delta	462	+5	14.0	3.0	...
298	205	Dennison Elec	253	-2	7.2	1.7	17.9
820	680	Domino	523	...	2.5	5.9	17.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	55	...	...	1.2	34.2
998	865	Druck a	995	...	9.0	2.2	21.3
411	358	Electrocomponn	394	...	9.1	2.3	15.2
573	420	El Data Prc	525	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
75	43	Electron House	70	...	2.3	4.2	21.3
20	10½	Emess	18½	...	0.1	0.7	...
563	442	Eurotherm	558	...	8.0	1.8	25.4
128	108	FKI	118	+1	2.3	2.4	22.8
391	349	Farnell Elect	380	...	5.8	1.9	20.7
57	33	Feedback a	57	...	...	...	...
18	9	Ferrami	14	...	...	...	...
150	101	Ferr Tech	146	...	...	...	...
203	81	Forward Gp a	183	-2	...	1.7	22.0
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
325	264	GEC	322½	...	9.6	3.7	17.1
182	132	Gresely	139	...	...	1.6	12.7
39	39	Hilclere a	465	...	2.6	0.6	59.0
466	451	Hoskyns Gp	452	-1	...	3.9	...
120	83	INTEM a	102	...	...	2.6	16.5
378	330	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.1	36.2
9	8	Kershley	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
240	240	Kenwood App	307	-1	...	...	16.3
149	47	Kewill Sys a	138	+8	...	...	6.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	226	Allied Colloids	228	-5	3.9	2.1	18.1
759	643	Amersham	698	-5	12.5	2.2	25.9
7	4½	Anglo Dtd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	£325	BASF Dfd	£967½	...	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	252	...	...	8.8	4.4	18.4
£169	£104½	Bayer DM50	£152½	-75	...	5.1	...
156	134	Biogen	146	...	...	9.5	8.0	...
165	137	Brent Chems	137	-4	7.4	6.8	...
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	465	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	26	...	...	2.3	6.4	...
153	127	Cambrig (W)	135	...	...	7.2	7.0	...
606	529	Courtaulds	557	-2	...	13.0	2.9	15.1
2700	2280	Croda	2690	...	...	7.7.56	3.7	...
148	121	Doeflex	128	...	...	4.6	4.5	...
198	175	Ellis & Everard	180	...	...	7.0	4.9	16.4
28	19½	Euro Colour	26½	...	...	0.6	3.1	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	+½	...	...	...	...
225	194	Hickson	217	+1	8.0	4.7	...
£114½	£612½	Hoechst	£1035½	...	...	7.8	...
1284	1048	ICI	1143	+1	55.0	6.0	28.4
688	581	Laporte	632	+1	19.5	3.0	...
225	197	Leigh	197	...	...	5.0	16.1
19½	11	MTM	11	...	1.8	...	2.2
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600	...	...	...	1.8	...
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	+1	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	372	+1	...	11.4	3.8	16.1
296	254	Plysu	287	+1	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	172	Porvair	208	...	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Sandiffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...	...
475	435	Wardle Storeys	446	-3	16.0	4.5	17.2
490	395	Wiltshire R	460	-3	17.0	4.7	...
391	340	Yorks Chem	370	-1	...	5.4	23.3	17.8
306	240	Yule Catto	293	...	...	5.4	2.3	17.8

DRAPERY, STORES

105	68	Alexon	78	...	3.0	4.8	...
70	42	Amber Day	68	+1	3.1	5.7	18.6
319	257	Argos Plc	307	+6	...	2.9	21.1
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	84	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	263	Asprey a	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
203	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.7
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.5	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	120	...	3.8	4.0	67.7
273	208	Bentorware	250	-2	...	0.6	35.3
31	22	Blacks Leis	22	...	3.1	...	4.5
257	133	Body Shop	220	...	1.6	0.9	25.4
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	...
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	79½	+½	...	3.2	...
146	126	Camtors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
320	295	Church	320	...	12.5	4.9	...
183	97	Clinton Cards	160	...	4.2	3.4	...
245	212	Coast Capital	241½	+4	...	3.8	26.0
106	78	Colourvision a	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Coure Furnish	468	...	5.0	1.3	22.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	148	...	...	2.0	9.9
89	69	Daisy Fashn Ind	86	...	...	3.9	...
65	51½	Dewhirst (JJ)	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
281	203	Dimoss Grp	209	-1	6.0	3.6	24.6
387	330	Dunloe	358	+3	7.2	2.7	12.4
21	12½	EBA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.0	8.6
115	71	Essex Furn	90	...	...	3.5	16.8
226	203	Etam	207	-1	6.6	4.0	18.5
562	499	Fine Art Dev	554	...	11.8	2.5	23.3
50	28	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formfitter	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn a	51	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabriele a	40	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	...	...
70	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2645	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
1738	1565	-do- 'A'	1625	+4	40.0	2.1	12.9
48	34	Hardgdon Grpa	38	...	...	3.4	...
186	133	Harrisons	133	+5	4.8	4.6	8.1
25½	20	Helene Pic	22½	...	2.0	11.9	...
42	29	Heritage a	39	+1	...	...	...
58	35	Honeysuckle a	50	...

British trio in good form for cup

BY JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

JOHN Whitaker's preparations for the final of the show jumping Volvo World Cup were happily completed yesterday when he and Everest Grannusch, the horse he rides in the first leg of the competition, won the second warm-up class.

In a superb result for the three Britons competing here, Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, finished second on Everest Polydektes, a horse not entered in the World Cup, and Nick Skelton was fourth on Everest Limited Edition. The Olympic champion, Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, was third.

"It's a good confidence booster," Whitaker, who is seeking a third World Cup win, said. His decision to ride the 13-year-old, German-bred Grannusch in the first leg of the final and save the 16-year-old Everest Milton for the second and third rounds follows a well-rehearsed routine.

He made similar use of Grannusch when winning the German Classic in October and the Renault Jump in December. Milton was used for the later stages of both finals.

"Grannusch has become much more consistent," Whitaker said. "He's very careful and has plenty of scope." The £2,000 he won yesterday brings his winnings with Grannusch over the last year to more than £60,000. He also won a Mercedes in the Zurich Masters last month.

Whitaker's sure touch was again in evidence in the speed class yesterday, the last competition before the start of the World Cup. Whitaker finished fourth on Everest Jeopardy, a new horse, aged only seven, brought to Gothenburg "to gain some experience".

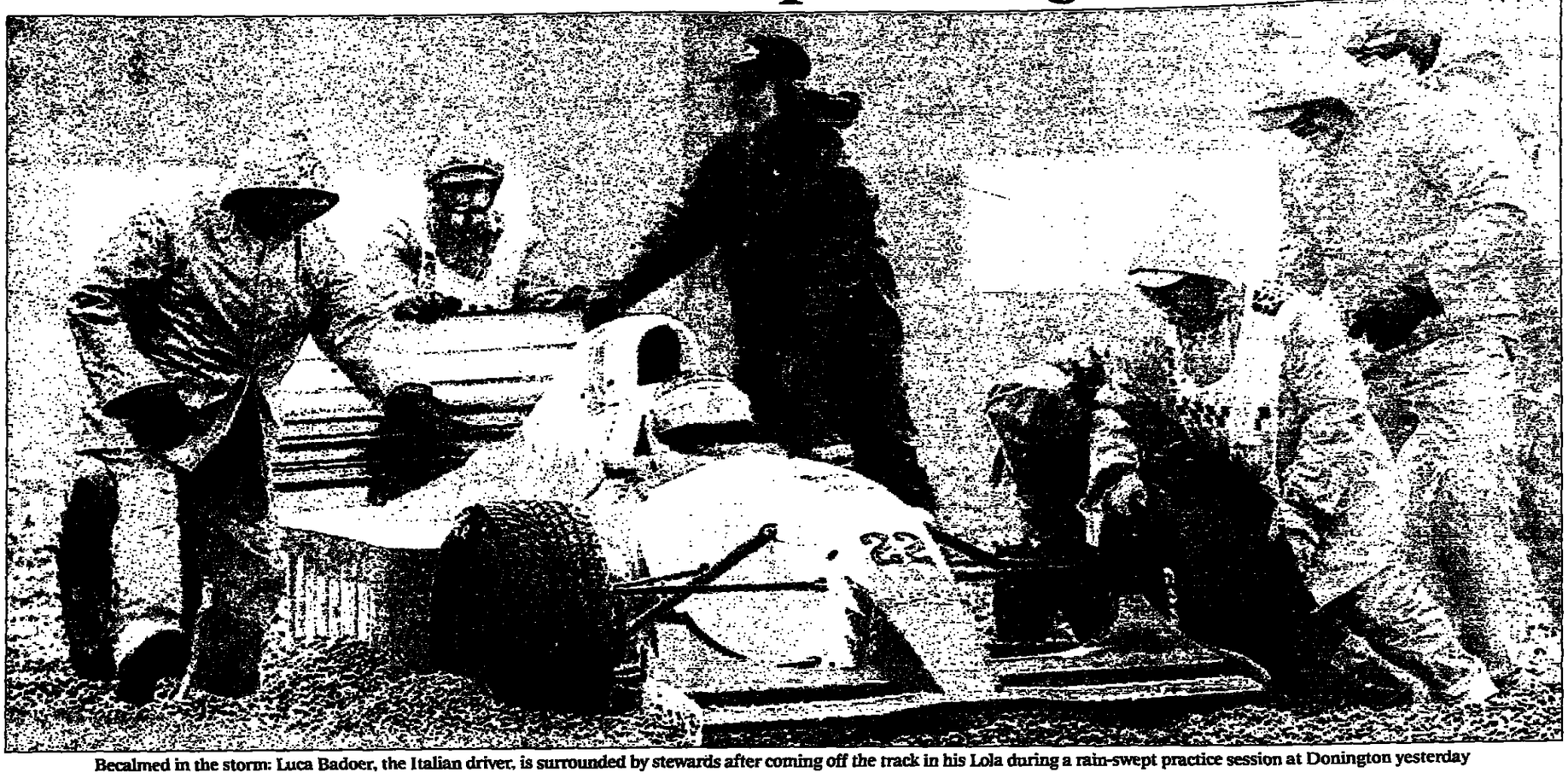
One of the problems for competitors is the atmosphere in the 12,000-capacity Scandinavium, the home of the World Cup. Show jumping is second in popularity to football in Sweden and riders entering the arena are greeted with shouting, stamping and whistling. Fortunately, Milton, for whom the loudest cheers are reserved, revels in the attention.

RESULTS: Bit and Truck Trophy (second warm-up class): 1, Everest Grannusch (J Whitaker, GB) 0 faults, 31.03sec; 2, Everest Polydektes (M Whitaker, GB) 0, 31.69; 3, Almox Grand Plaisir (L Beerbaum, Ger) 0, 31.86; 4, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton, GB) 0, 31.90.

Brazilian believes wet weather offers best chance of success in the Grand Prix of Europe

Senna leaves rivals splashing in his wake

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Becalmed in the storm: Luca Badoer, the Italian driver, is surrounded by stewards after coming off the track in his Lola during a rain-swept practice session at Donington yesterday

AYRTON Senna enhanced his reputation as a sublime wet-weather driver yesterday when he emerged through plumes of spray at Donington to set the fastest qualifying time for the Grand Prix of Europe tomorrow. Senna, the early leader in this season's world championship, said after the afternoon qualifying session that tomorrow's race could hinge on the weather.

If the rain that lashed the circuit throughout yesterday — and is forecast for today — abates, then the power advantage enjoyed by the Williams-Renaults of Alain Prost and Damon Hill will be restored. But if it continues, the 33-year-old Brazilian foresees a close and exciting race.

"It is difficult to know what to want for Sunday," Senna said amid a profusion of brightly-coloured umbrellas and jostling photographers in the paddock car park. "It is not good for safety if the wet conditions remain, but technically speaking, the only chance we have is the slippery track."

Senna has made a virtue of discounting his team's chances before each of the season's two races and, by finishing second in South Africa and third in Brazil, he has effectively cast himself in the role of Formula One alchemist.

One senses he is more optimistic about his chances here. Even without the aid of wet weather, the tight turns of Donington and the paucity of obvious overtaking chances favour his McLaren-Ford and negate the power of the two Williams cars.

Add to that the obvious distaste with which his main rival, Prost, regards wet conditions and the suspicion the Frenchman harbours for the unfamiliar twists of a new track, and the Brazilian seems to be going into the race with a decided advantage in morale.



Oliver Holt watches the McLaren-Ford make the most of slippery conditions in yesterday's practice session at Donington

Senna said yesterday that there was little prospect of his signing a deal with McLaren for the whole season. He said he was frustrated that Benetton, who are also powered by Ford, were blocking a better engine deal for his team.

"I am not happy with my situation, but my place in the championship depends on a whole group of people," he said. "Today was the best possible result for us. It is the first time we tried the car in the wet with the right tyres and, even though we pushed really hard in the afternoon, the Williams got close."

Senna's uncertainty seems to be pervading the whole McLaren team, joint-leaders in the constructor's championship alongside Williams. Michael Andretti has had a miserable start, managing only four laps in the first two races, and Mika Hakkinen is still wondering when he will get a chance to drive after being deposed by Senna's late arrival.

Despite two more spins at Donington, Andretti, who was watched by his father, Mario, had an encouraging day yesterday. He finished fifth in the morning's free practice and, even though he slipped to eleventh in the first period of qualifying, he refused to be downhearted by his situation.

"I need time and I need laps," Andretti said. "It is going to take me a while to learn, but I am gradually chipping away at it and getting there. The team has tried to take the pressure off me and told me not to be too hard on myself. I have just got to get through this experience on my own."

With Andretti struggling to adapt to Formula One after a successful career in Indycars and Senna's place in doubt, Hakkinen, signed by McLaren from Lotus at the end of last season, is eagerly awaiting his opportunity.

"I am not frustrated by the situation at all," he said yesterday. "I have been getting a lot out of the testing we have been doing, pushing myself and the car to the limit. It is a gorgeous situation for me and I am very much looking forward to racing. I am confident that I will have a drive soon."

Mark Blundell, who as test driver last season was doing for McLaren what Hakkinen is doing now, was at the lower end of the scale of contrasting performances for the five-strong British contingent of drivers. He finished fifteenth in the afternoon session after a series of mechanical problems.

Grenada celebrates coming of age

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN GRENADA

IT IS sometimes said that not until they have produced a Test cricketer of their own do the islands that make up the Leewards and the Windwards feel fully independent. In January of this year, Grenada, the most southerly of the Windwards, qualified when Junior Murray kept wicket against Australia at Sydney and they can join together in celebration with the start today of a three-day match between the touring Pakistan team and a West Indies Under-23 XI.

Yesterday, though, talk on the island was of the drug charges laid against the Pakistan players, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, captain and vice-captain, Aqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed.

Antigua, Dominica, Nevis, St Vincent and now Grenada can all claim their Test-playing heroes. Montserrat, St Kitts and St Lucia are still moulding theirs. None of the islands is much larger than the Isle of Wight; none has a population of much more than 100,000 and nothing unites them like cricket.

Today's match is the Pakistanis' last before the three Tests, for the first of which, starting in Trinidad next Thursday, West Indies have named 13 players. They are the 11 that played in their last Test match ten weeks ago — against Australia in Perth — plus Carl Hooper and Winston Benjamin.

Of the under-23 side that played against the Australians two years ago, Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams and Junior Murray have since played Test cricket. No doubt several of today's XI will do the same, although none did much in this year's Red Stripe Cup.

There has been no more popular an English cricketer in these parts than Billy Griffith, who died on Wednesday. Gerry Gomez, who was the West Indies captain in Trinidad in 1948, when Griffith became one of three players to have scored maiden first-class hundreds in their first Test matches, described him yesterday as one of the finest people he had known.

They became firm friends and nothing delighted Gomez more than that Griffith signed his letters to him as "Griffith of Trinidad".

WEST INDIES (for first Test, from): R B Richardson (capt), D L Haynes, B C Lara, P V Simmons, K L T Arthurton, C L Hooper, J C Adams, J R Murray, C E L Ambrose, I R Bishop, A C Cummins, C A Walsh, W K M Benjamin.

Sande looks made for Piper

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NICKY Piper continues his campaign to establish himself as a worthy challenger for Chris Eubank at Swansea tonight. Since losing to Nigel Benn in December, Piper has maintained that, with a little more experience, he would be able to tackle Eubank. Since styles make fights, he could well be right.

Piper won the World Boxing Association Inter-Continental super-middleweight title in his first bout on the road back to the top in February. He beat Miguel Maldonado, of Argentina, and now defends that title against Chris Sande, of Kenya.

Piper used the bout against Maldonado to see if he could go 12 rounds. Having found that he can go the distance comfortably, he will be expected to look more lively this time. Sande could be just the man to make Piper look exciting. The Kenyan is strong, but not the most durable of opponents.

Sande, a third replacement, looked good as an amateur, boxing in the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988 and losing in the semi-finals to Henry Maske, of East Germany, who is now the International Boxing Federation champion. But, as a professional, he has failed to realise his potential.

He turned professional under Cornelius Boza-Edwards, and won his first seven contests impressively enough. But as soon as he moved up in class, he found himself in trouble. Lamar Parks stopped him in five rounds.

Sande can give a good account of himself if allowed to box at his own pace, and, being a southpaw, he can be awkward. Piper will have to take charge quickly, and put his punches together with serious intent this time.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

FA Premier League

Aston Villa v Coventry
Ipswich v Arsenal (all ticket)
Leeds v Blackburn
Liverpool v Oldham
Man Utd v Sheff Wed (all ticket)
Middlesbrough v Everton
QPR v Nottm Forest
Southampton v Chelsea (all ticket)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	36	19	10	7	52	33	67
Man United	36	18	12	6	54	28	66
Norwich	38	19	8	11	52	57	65
Blackburn	35	15	11	9	54	35	56
Tottenham	35	14	10	11	48	50	52
Sheff Wed	34	13	12	9	43	38	51
Man City	35	14	8	13	49	40	50
Coventry	37	13	11	13	48	47	50
Chelsea	37	12	14	11	43	43	50
Wimbledon	37	13	10	14	50	47	49
QPR	36	13	10	13	48	46	49
Arsenal	34	13	8	13	33	31	47
Liverpool	35	12	10	13	46	48	46
Southampton	37	12	10	15	48	51	46
Ipswich	37	10	16	11	42	46	46
Everton	38	13	6	17	43	45	45
Leeds	35	11	11	13	45	49	44
Crystal Palace	36	9	14	13	54	51	41
Sheff United	35	11	7	17	42	45	40
Oldham	36	10	9	17	53	63	39
Middlesbrough	37	9	10	18	43	64	37
Nottm Forest	36	9	9	18	34	51	36

Barclays League

First division

Barnsley v Grimsby
Bristol R v Portsmouth (all ticket)
Derby v Brentford
Millwall v Tranmere
Notts County v Charlton
Oxford Utd v Bristol City
Peterborough v Cambridge United
Sunderland v Birmingham
Swindon v Luton
Watford v Southend
Wolves v Newcastle (all ticket)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	40	24	9	7	78	34	81
Portsmouth	40	21	10	9	69	40	73
West Ham	40	21	10	9	67	37	73
Swindon	40	19	11	10	64	49	68
Leicester	39	20	8	11	62	49	68
Millwall	40	17	15	8	62	42	66
Tranmere	39	19	7	13	63	52	64
Grimsby	40	17	7	16	53	50	58
Wolves	40	14	13	13	53	48	55
Charlton	40	14	13	13	46	40	55
Barnsley	40	15	9	16	50	51	54
Derby	39	15	7	16	57	48	52
Peterboro	39	13	11	15	47	51	50
Watford	40	12	11	17	53	67	47
Bristol C	39	12	10	17	43	59	46
Sunderland	39	12	10	17	41	52	46
Brentford	40	12	9	19	44	56	45
Luton	40	9	18	13	42	56	45
Notts County	39	10	13	16	48	62	43
Oxford	39	10	13	16	45	61	43
Cambridge	40	10	13	17	43	63	43
Birmingham	40	11	10	19	40	61	43
Southend	39	10	12	17	45	53	42
Bristol R	40	9	9	22	46	78	36

Second division

Bradford v Blackpool
Burnley v Brighton
Chester City v *West Bromwich Albion*
Fulham v Leyton Orient
Hull v Hartlepool
Mansfield v Port Vale
Plymouth v Exeter
Preston North End v Huddersfield Town
Stoke v Reading
Swansea v Bournemouth
Wigan v Bolton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	39	23	11	5	66	31	80
Port Vale	39	21	10	8	64	39	73
West Bromwich	39	20	9	10	69	45	69
Bolton	39	20	9	9	63	36	69
Stockport	39	18	12	9	74	46	66
Leyton Orient	40	17	9	14	57	46	60
Reading	39	16	12	11	56	40	60
Brighton	40	17	9	14	52	49	60
Rotherham	40	15	13	12	53	50	58
Bradford	40	14	14	12	58	59	56
Swansea	37	14	13	10	50	39	55
Burnley	40	14	13	13	49	47	55
Plymouth	39	13	11	15	47	53	50
Fulham	40	11	16	13	44	52	49
Bournemouth	39	11	14	14	39	44	47
Huddersfield	39	12	9	18	42	53	45
Hartlepool	40	11	12	17	36	51	45
Blackpool	40	10	14	16	55	66	44
Exeter	39	10	14	15	47	61	44
Hull	39	11	11	17	38	55	44
Preston	39	11	8	20	60	80	41
Mansfield	39	10	10	19	46	66	40
Wigan	39	10	10	19	40	65	40
Chester	40	8	5	27	44	84	29

Third division

Barnet v Scarborough
Carlisle v Darlington
Doncaster v Halifax
Lincoln v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe v Rochdale
Shrewsbury Town v Hereford United (12.0)
Walsall v Torquay
Wrexham v Crewe
York v Cardiff

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	37	21	8	8	66	42	71
Barnet	36	20	9	7	69	40	69
York	38	18	12	8	67	43	66
Wrexham	36	18	11	7	61	44	65
Crewe	34	17	6	11	59	47	57
Bury	37	16	9	12	57	48	57
Walsall	35	17	5	13	62	58	56
Shrewsbury	35	16	8	11	47	40	56
Lincoln	35	16	7	12	48	43	55
Chesterfield	36	15	9	12	52	50	54
Scarborough	35	14	8	13	59	58	50
Rochdale	36	13	10	13	62	58	49
Colchester	35	14	5	16	56	64	47
Scunthorpe	35	12	11	12	48	44	47
Carlisle	36	11	8	17	46	56	41
Darlington	36	9	13	14	38	46	40
Doncaster	36	8	13	15	34	48	37
Hereford	36	8	12	16	44	57	36
Gillingham	36	8	12	16	44	68	36
Northampton	37	10	6	21	43	66	36
Torquay	35	8	5	21	38	61	32
Halifax	36	7	9	20	42	59	30

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Bromsgrove
Gateshead v Northwich
*Kettering v Altrincham
*Kidderminster v Bath
*Macclesfield v Stalybridge
Merthyr v Slough
Stafford v Telford
*Yeovil v Dagenham Redbridge

*pools matches

Scottish League

Premier division

Airdrieonians v Aberdeen
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Hearts v Dundee
Partick v Falkirk
Rangers v Motherwell
St Johnstone v Celtic

First division

Ayr v Hamilton
Clydebank v Dunfermline
Cowdenbeath v Morton
Meadowbank v Kilmarnock
Raith v Dumbarton
Stirling v St Mirren

Second division

Arbroath v Berwick
Brechin v East Stirling
Clyde v Montrose
East Fife v Stenhousemuir
Forfar v Albion
Queen of South v Stranraer
Queen's Park v Alloa

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Chippenham; Dawlish v Paulton; Torquay v Mangotsfield, Westbury v Elmore

Vauxhall FA Trophy

Semi-finals, second leg

First leg scores in brackets

Sutton Utd (3) v Wycombe (2)
Witton (0) v Runcorn (2)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hendon, Basingstoke v Wivenhoe; Bromley v Wokingham; Carshalton v Chesham, Enfield v Dulwich; Grays v Staines; Hayes v St Albans; Kingstonian v Yeading; Marlow v Bognor; Windsor and Eton v Stevenage Borough. First division: Abingdon v Hitchin; Aveley v Maidenhead; Barking v Walton and Hersham; Billericay v Uxbridge; Bishops Stortford v Heybridge Swifts; Boreham Wood v Purfleet; Lewes v Whyteleafe; Molesey v Croydon; Tooting and Mitcham v Dorking; Wembley v Leyton. Second division: Barton v Tilbury; Berkhamsted v Hampton; Egham v Metropolitan Police; Hemel Hempstead v Banstead; Hungerford v Edgware; Malden Vale v Newbury; Rainham v Leatherhead; Ruislip Manor v Horsham; Walden v Chertsey; Southall v Witham; Worthing v Ware. Third division: Aldershot v Thame; Bracknell v Cove, Clapton v Kingsbury; Collier Row v Petersfield; Feltham and Hounslow B v Hornchurch; Flackwell Heath v East Thurrock; Horsham v Hertford; Leighton v Epsom and Ewell; Northwood v Camberley; Royston v Tring

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Droylsden; Colwyn Bay v Fleetwood, Emley v Accrington Stanley; Frickley v Matlock; Horwich v Chorley; Hyde v Bishop Auckland; Morecambe v Mossley v Gainsborough; Southport v Barrow; Whitley Bay v Stocks, Winsford v Leek. First division: Alfreton v Great Harwood; Ashton v Harrogate; Bridlington v Netherfield; Caernarfon v Eastwood; Gretna v Warrington; Guiseley v Farsley Celtic; Radcliffe Borough v Worksop; Rossendale v Knowsley.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v Chester Le Street; Brandon v South Bank; Consett v Stockton; Easington Colliery v Northallerton; Newcastle Blue Star v Murton; Seaham Red Star v West Auckland; Tow Law v Billingham Synthonia.

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JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham v Newmarket; Chatteris v Gorleston; Comard v Diss; Felixstowe v Haverhill; Halstead v Great Yarmouth; Histon v Brightlingsea; Lowestoft v Fakenham; Watton v Norwich, Wisbech v Wroxham.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Glentoran; Bangor v Portadown; Carrick v Crusaders; Cliftonville v Coleraine; Distillery v Ballyclare; Glenavon v Ards; Linfield v Omagh; Newry v Larne

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Holywell; Afan Lido v Llanidloes; Bangor v Haverfordwest; Briton Ferry v Mold; Caersws v Inter Cardiff; Conwy v Llanelli, Flint Town v Abergavenny; Maesteg Park v Connah's Quay; Porthmadog v Ebbw Vale.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge v Leyton Orient; Rilbarn v Portsmouth; Tottenham v Gillingham.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Meadonians v Tenisonians; C Manning v Glyn.

OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village v Old Owens; Old Boatonians v Parkfield. Second division: Duncombe Sports v Old Monovians.

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins v Wrexham; Blackwood v Pontypool United; Bonymaen v Abercynon; Mountain Ash v Tumble; St Peters v Kenfig Hill; Treorchy v Rumney. Fourth division: Builth Wells v Kidwelly; Cardiff Quins v Ystradgynlais; Cardigan v Vardre; Cilfynydd v Garndiffaith; Colwyn Bay v Carmarthen; Tondu v Ruthin.

Club matches

Askeans v Basingstoke
Bedford v Saracens
Blackheath v Maidstone
Bridgend v Bristol (2.30)
Broughton Park v Kendal
Cardiff v Barbarians
Clifton v Towcestrians
Fylde v Winnington Park
Havant v Southend
Leeds v West Hartlepool
London Welsh v Coventry
Lydney v Hereford
Morley v Wakefield
Moseley v Nottingham
Orrell v Waterloo
Plymouth v Rugby
Sale v Liverpool St Helens
Sheffield v Harrogate

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

Pilkington Cup

Semi-finals

Leicester v Northampton
Wasps v Harlequins

Heineken League

First division

Llanelli v South Wales Police (2.30)
Neath v Maesteg (2.30)
Newport v Aberavon (2.30)
Pontypool v Newbridge (2.30)
Pontypridd v Swansea (2.30)

Second division

Abertillery v Narberth (2.30)
Cross Keys v Penarth (2.30)
Dunvant v Blaina (2.30)
Ebbw Vale v Llanharan (2.30)
Glamorgan Wanderers v Llandovery (2.30)
Tenby v Tredegar (2.30)

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	100	210	good	good	sun	5	8/4
(Good skiing at all levels; all lifts running)							
Solden	10	350	good	thin	sun	4	8/4
(Best snow on upper slopes and glacier; 19 of 22 lifts open)							
Schladming	10	140	good	some	sun	12	8/4
(Best snow on north-facing slopes above 1,200m; 70% of lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Avoriaz	40	150	spring	spring	bright	10	4/4
(Best snow on-piste; 32 lifts and some area links open)							
Chamonix	0	390	good	poor	sun	11	7/4
(Best skiing above 1,900m; 30 lifts and 40 pistes open)							
Serre Chevalier	40	110	good	spring	cloud	8	5/4
(Skiing recommended on upper slopes; 60 of 77 lifts running)							
Val d'Isère	130	300	good	spring	bright	10	7/4
(Good cover on all runs; 40 lifts open; Solaise especially good)							
ITALY							
Bormio	0	140	good	closed	sun	6	24/3
(Still good snow above mid-station; 15 of 17 lifts open)							
Courmayeur	50	200	good	spring	sun	12	7/4
(Best snow on upper slopes; 19 of 23 lifts running)							
Livigno	20	100	good	patchy	sun	8	7/4
(Good skiing at Carosello and Mottolino; 21 of 27 lifts open)							
Madesimo	20	140	good	spring	sun	7	19/3
(Good snow at Valle di Lei; 19 of 21 lifts open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	5	275	good	closed	clear	9	4/4
(Best snow at altitude; 32 of 40 lifts running)							
Wengen	0	90	fair	closed	clear	8	8/4
(All slopes below Cafe Oberland closed; 70% of lifts operating)							

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League

First division

West Ham v Leicester

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND (3.30): Premier division: Group A: Cork City v Limerick; Dundalk v Bohemians; Shelbourne v Derry. Group B: St Patrick's v Drogheda, Sligo v Shamrock; Waterford v Bray.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough v Whitby

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

Sheffield v Hull (3.15)

Third division

Dewsbury v Blackpool (3.30)
Nottingham City v Highfield
Whitehaven v Workington (2.0)

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: R F Oakes XV v England XV (Harlequin Rovers, 3.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Quarter-final play-offs: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Guildford Kings. Second division: Doncaster Panthers v Bury Lobos; Middlesboro Mohawks v Brixton Topcats. Third division: Liverpool Atac v South London Elephants. Women: First division: Northampton v Cheshire Ladies, Nottingham Wildcats v Ipswich. National trophy: Final: Doncaster v Sunderland.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EIBA national mixed pairs championship, final stages (Lincoln); Tennents Masters (Dundee).

HOCKEY: European Cup Winners' Cup: Men and women (Birmingham University, 10.0)

MOTOR RACING: European grand prix (Donington).

TENNIS: Reebok Tour: Final (Sunderland).

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONALS: Under 19: Scotland v England (Ayr, 2.30). 18 Group: Scotland v Ireland (Kelvinside, 2.30).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Quarter-final play-offs: Men: First division: Derby v London Towers (7.30); Leicester v Worthing (7.30); Oldham v Thames Valley (8.0). Second division: Crystal Palace v Coventry, Ware v Cardiff. Women: First division: Sheffield v Milton Keynes; Thames Valley v Rhondda.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EIBA national mixed pairs championship, final stages (Lincoln): Tennents Masters (Dundee).

BOXING: Super-middleweight bout: Nicky Piper (Cardiff) v Chris Sande (Kenya) (Dillwyn Llewellyn Centre, Swansea, 8.30).

HOCKEY: European Cup Winners' Cup. Men and women (Birmingham University)

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Saturday portrait: Alain Prost, by Oliver Holt

Understated genius in pole position for fourth championship

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



Alain Prost was greeted by a hail of missiles when he returned to the rustic racing track at Nogaro, Gascony, last week. Fifty-franc notes fluttered down from the crowded gallery above the pit lane, followed by cigarette packets, even motorcycle helmets, all discarded in the hope they would be returned bearing the signature of the most successful driver in Formula One.

By then, it was past five o'clock on the first day of a four-day private test conducted by the Williams team at the Circuit Paul Armagnac, a narrow, twisting track chosen in part because of its similarity to Donington, the venue for tomorrow's European grand prix. Prost's team-mate, Damon Hill, had retired to a trailer.

As another squall swept in from the Pyrenees, the last of the 2,000 spectators who had converged on the circuit for a glimpse of the only Frenchman to have won the world drivers' championship, a man now re-established as his country's favourite sportsman, began to melt away.

Prost, winner of a record 45 grands prix in the 185 races he has contested since he began his Formula One career with McLaren in 1980, signed his autographs with a wry smile, exchanged a few words with some of the supporters draped over the railings above him and then went into a huddle with the group of engineers. Fifteen minutes later, as local officials lounged around waiting to lock the gates, he was back out on the track for six more laps, his Williams-Renault a blur of blue and yellow under the darkening sky; his dedication plain to see.

He has returned refreshed and rejuvenated from a one-year sabbatical occasioned in part by his sacking by Ferrari at the end of the 1991 season. Even in qualifying, so long regarded by the Frenchman as a tiresome prelude to the real business of racing, he has been electrifying, claiming pole position in this year's two grands prix, in South Africa and Brazil.

The 38-year-old Frenchman, who was born in St Chamond, near Lyon, and now lives with his wife, Anne-Marie, and children, Nicholas, 11, and Sacha, 2, in Yens, Switzerland, speaks in soft, almost lilting tones, self-deprecating and modest in the face of flattery, polite and amicable in conversation. It is hard to believe his career has been beset by so much controversy in recent years.

It started smoothly enough 20 years ago when he became the French and world junior karting champion and, apart from one celebrated incident in 1975 when a 20-year-old Prost struck a karting rival who had shunted him off the track at a race's final bend and the odd spat with his Renault partner, Rene Arnoux, the early stages of his racing life were trouble-free.

> *'You look at him drive and you have to look hard to see why he is quick. Nobody can put their finger on why he is so quick. But he is.'*

He was content to learn from Niki Lauda, his team-mate at McLaren in 1984 and 1985, even happy for the Austrian when he beat him by half a point for the championship in the first of those years. "Everything has changed since those days, everything," Prost said in Nogaro. "There is 100 times more pressure today."

Latterly, his penchant for speaking his mind has involved him in a series of confrontations. The sport's governing body, Fisa, threatened to suspend him earlier this season after criticism he aimed at it in an interview and his acrimonious rivalry with the Brazilian, Ayrton Senna, which has dominated the sport for the last five years, tarnished temporarily his image as a highly respected motor racing ambassador.

When Prost beat Jackie Stewart's record of 27 grand prix wins at Estoril in September 1987, it seemed his place at the forefront of the Formula One record books was assured. But when Ron Dennis brought Senna to McLaren as Prost's team-mate in 1988, he unwittingly sparked an enduring duel that peaked with championship-turning accidents between the two at the Japanese grands prix of 1989 and 1990.

By the time of the second incident, Prost had left for Ferrari, claiming Senna had turned McLaren's Honda engineers against him. By so doing, he was recognising that the two shared the same *modus operandi*, involved in every aspect of the team.

"We are the only two drivers in Formula One who do the same job," Prost acknowledged last week. "We are always trying to improve the car. Because of that, it is impossible for us to be together, but it also gives us a very high respect for each other."

The Brazilian's star continued to rise during the Frenchman's sabbatical and, in some quarters, Prost is cast as the straight man to Senna's genius. Sit above one of the fast corners at any track, watch Prost glide round, all control and poise, followed by Senna, wilder, running up the kerb at the exit of the corner and it is easy to see how their styles differ.

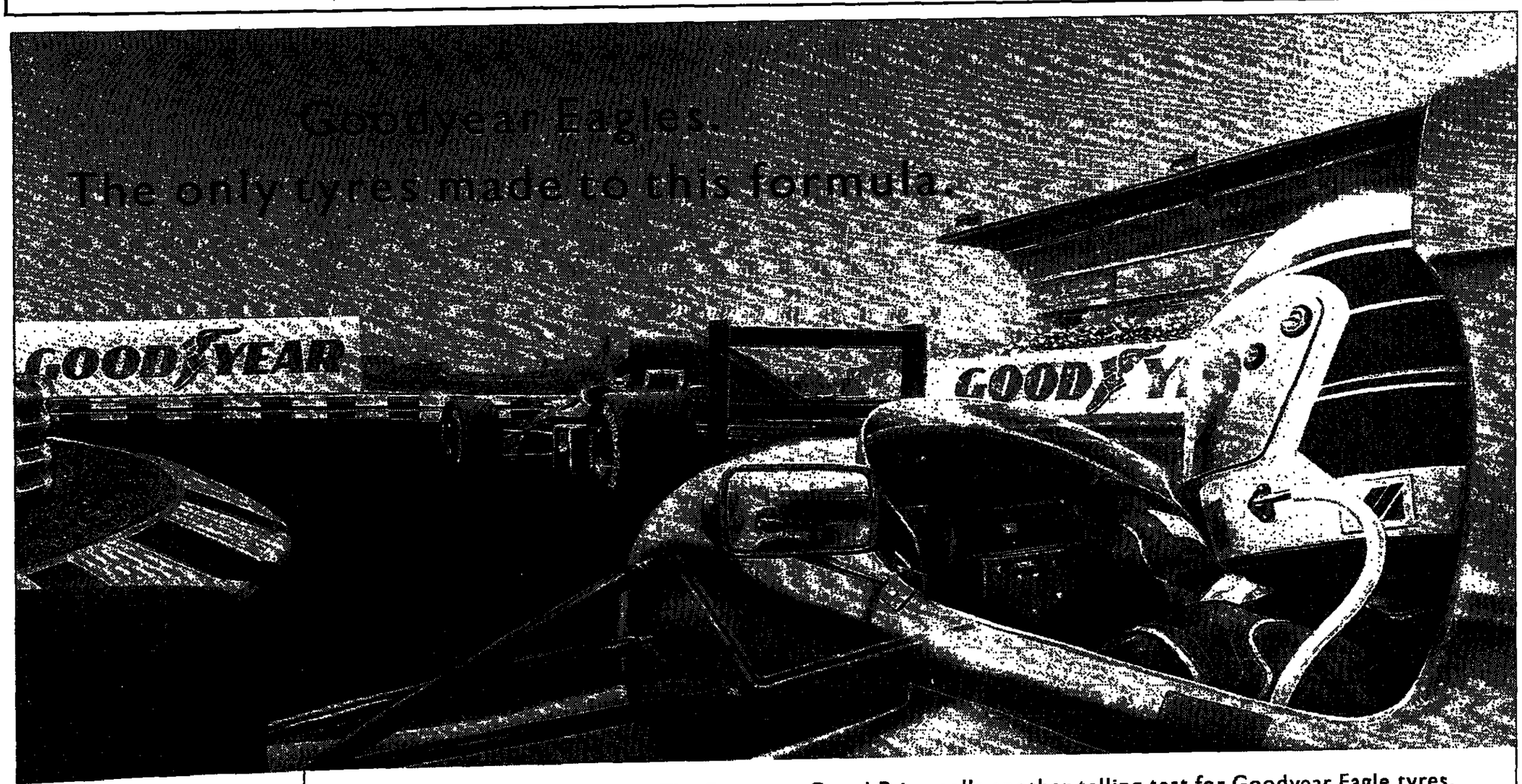
Prost's genius is understated. "You look at him drive and you have to look hard to see why he is quick," Hill says. "It is not immediately obvious. In fact, it is not obvious at all. Nobody can put their finger on why he is so quick. But he is."

From the moment he secured the drive with Williams in the middle of last season in the face of an offer from Senna to drive for the team for free and the obvious discontent of Nigel Mansell, then the team's top driver, Prost became hotly-fancied to add a fourth world title to those he won with McLaren in 1985, 1986 and 1989.

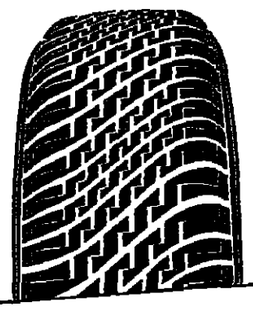
Nicknamed The Professor for his calculating style on the track, Prost is also renowned for his alleged behind-the-scenes manoeuvring. John Watson, his team-mate at McLaren in the Frenchman's Formula One debut season of 1980, sums up one point of view by saying: "He is a very sophisticated driver, but if he cannot beat you on the track, he will make sure he beats you off it."

No doubt there are elements of the politician in Prost, but some criticism of that side of his nature may be based on misplaced suspicion of his methods. Mansell, for example, claimed that Prost was attempting to undermine him when the pair were team-mates at Ferrari in 1990 by speaking to the engineers in Italian.

The Frenchman has also been pilloried for lacking the sort of wholehearted commitment displayed by drivers such as Mansell. Prost is candid about his dislike of wet-weather conditions, his fear of death, his fear of serious injury. Above all, he is a pragmatist and his attitude to unquestioning courage epitomises his quiet wisdom.



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St Helens escape defeat by substitute's fingertips in championship showdown

O'Donnell keeps title hopes alive

Wigan 8
St Helens 8

By Christopher Irvine

SURVIVAL by the skin of their teeth suited Wigan and St Helens well enough yesterday after an epic draw that leaves the Stones Bitter Championship teasingly in the balance.

Their own destiny, though, was once more wrenched from St Helens' grasp. Should the leaders beat Widnes in their final game at home on Easter Monday, they would still require Wigan, with a substantial points difference, to either lose at Warrington earlier the same day or at home against Castleford the following Friday.

Were it not for the hand of Augustine O'Donnell, a late substitute, St Helens would probably already have waved farewell to a first league title in 18 years. Just as he had done in eliminating Halifax from the Challenge Cup in February with a last-minute dropped goal, Joe Lydon swung his boot, the ball skimmed over the bar, but O'Donnell's fingertips made contact in mid-flight and the goal was disallowed. The incident, three minutes from time, was in keeping with the tone of a game in which neither side could wrest the initiative from the other in a frenetic, see-sawing contest.

In the cockpit atmosphere generated by a first division record crowd of 29,839 at Central Park, a tantalising encounter was rendered all the more thrilling by the catalogue of errors and chances squandered by both sides with a greasy ball on a treacherous surface. The opportunities that passed St Helens by in the second half were natural justice of a sort, given the equality of the sides, but Dwyer, Hunte and Cooper all lost possession lunging for the line and will study the video with a mixture of horror and disbelief.

At the end, both sides looked out on their feet. Wigan, with the glorious exception of Farrell's powerful running in the second row, appeared jaded throughout, but Platt and Bell, two of their missing five internationals, will be back for the Warrington game, while St Helens must complete their programme without the inspirational Kevin Ward, after the prop broke his left ankle in a tackle shortly before the end.

St Helens finished clinging on by the fingertips of O'Donnell, but began by taking an iron grip. Two tries in the first nine minutes stunned one half of the ground into silence, the first from Connolly on the break, the second from Hunte. Loughlin missed both conversions from the touchline — costly errors in the final analysis. Botica, in contrast, clipped over two penalty goals.

As had happened in the defeat at Castleford five days earlier, Wigan failed to convert weight of possession. They were barren creatively and only the injection of Farrell gave them the necessary forward impetus to make an opening and draw level two minutes from the interval when Offiah scored after good work from Farrell, Botica, Lydon and Panapa.

The second half of no points was a carbon copy of the first, except that St Helens had ball and territory enough to snatch glory, but at no point looked like doing so. Wigan, after a hard-earned point, remain slight favourites for a fourth successive championship.

SCORERS: Wigan: Try: Offiah. Penalty goals: Botica (2). St Helens: Tries: Connolly, Hunte.
WIGAN: S Hampson, J Robinson, J Lydon, S Panapa, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; N Cowie, M Dermott, I Gildart (sub: A Farrell), D Betts, M Forshaw (sub: M Cassidy), P Clarke.
ST HELENS: D Lyon; A Hunte, G Connolly, P Loughlin, A Sullivan; T Ropati, J Griffiths; J Neill (sub: S Nickle), B Dwyer, K Ward (sub: A O'Donnell), C Joynt, G Mann, S Cooper.
Referee: J Holdsworth.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	25	19	1	5	603	327	39
Wigan	24	18	1	5	682	295	37
Widnes	24	15	0	9	505	389	30
Castleford	23	13	1	9	506	358	27
Bradford	22	13	0	9	492	380	26
Leeds	23	11	2	10	537	478	24
Halifax	23	12	0	11	497	456	24
Warrington	24	11	1	12	451	403	23
Hull	25	10	0	15	363	517	20
Sheffield	24	10	0	14	381	589	20
Salford	24	9	0	15	458	657	18
Wakefield	24	7	2	15	377	515	16
Leigh	23	7	2	14	310	556	16
Hull K R	24	6	0	18	303	555	12



Shouldering the burden: Offiah, of Wigan, is tackled by Connolly yesterday

Hounslow go on goal spree

By Sydney Friskin

HOUNSLOW and Sutton Coldfield made encouraging starts in the European Cup Winners' Cup hockey tournament at Birmingham University yesterday. Hounslow defeated Dundee Wanderers 7-1 and Sutton Coldfield, the holders of the women's trophy, scored five times without reply against Swansea.

Goals by Crutchley, Hacker and Rees put Hounslow three goals ahead by half-time. Further goals followed from Thompson, Crutchley and Hankins before Caswell replied for Dundee. Hankins scored Hounslow's seventh.

HGC, from Holland, the holders, scored seven against Fili Moscow but there was a better match in this pool when Rot-Weiss Cologne beat Bloemendaal, from Holland, 2-1.

For Sutton Coldfield, Jane Swinnerton scored three goals in the 9th, 62nd and 69th minutes, the first from a short corner. Sutton Coldfield's victory margin could have been greater but they squandered two penalty strokes.

With characteristic agility, Jane Sixsmith scored Sutton's second goal in the 31st minute, and Fionnuala McCarthey got the fourth from a scramble in the 65th minute. Swansea belatedly raised their game but had no luck with their finishing.

RESULTS: Men: Pool A: HGC (Hol) 7, Fili Moscow 0; Bloemendaal (Hol) 1, Rot-Weiss Cologne 2. Pool B: Hounslow 7, Dundes Wanderers 1; Royal Baudoin (Bel) 2, Atletico Terrassa (Sp) 2. Women: Pool A: Hightown 2, Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 2; Sutton Coldfield 5, Swansea 0; Spartak Moscow 4, CF Junior (Sp) 3; ACC (Hol) 22, Wiener Neudorf (Austria) 0.

Oldham plan to improve

By Nicholas Harling

AS A former student of sports psychology, Tom Hancock understands better than most the motivation of successful teams.

That is why the Oldham Celtics coach, who studied at the University of Maryland, hopes his squad can build on the season's shock basketball result with another of only slightly lesser proportions when the Carlsberg League play-offs begin today.

Oldham secured seventh place in the league by upsetting the national cup winners, Guildford Kings, in over-time last weekend. A previous recent game between the clubs had ended in a 42-point win for Guildford, who were clearly not prepared for Oldham to display such intensity so soon afterwards.

"On a given day, I now know that we can beat any team in England," Hancock said. "I know that we can lose just as easily by 50, but Guildford had beaten every team in the country and now we have beaten them. It wasn't as if Guildford played badly, but that we played well."

Hancock realises that Oldham may have to play even better if they are next to overcome Thames Valley Tigers, the NatWest Trophy winners and league runners-up. "They have more overall quickness than any team in England," Hancock added.

QUARTER-FINAL PLAY-OFFS: Today: Derby Bucks v London Towers (7.30); Leicester Riders v Worthing Bears (7.30); Oldham Celtics v Thames Valley Tigers (8.0). Tomorrow: Birmingham Bullets v Guildford Kings (6.0). Second legs (all 8.0): April 14: Guildford v Birmingham; Thames Valley v Oldham. April 15: London v Derby. April 18: Worthing v Leicester.

Davis on brink of No 2 slot

By Phil Yates

WHILE Steve Davis freely acknowledged that it was far from his best performance, he still had enough in hand to beat Nigel Bond 5-3 in the quarter-finals of the Sky Sports International Snooker Open at Plymouth yesterday.

Davis, who has won the European Open, British Open and Benson and Hedges Irish Masters during the last six weeks, now needs to negotiate Ken Doherty or Tony Jones in tonight's best-of-11-frame semi-final to improve from fourth to second in the provisional world rankings.

As one might expect from a player who has prevailed in 17 of his previous 18 matches, Davis began confidently. Breaks of 62, 55 and a cleverly-constructed 38 that included six greens took the six-times world champion into a 3-0 lead.

There was a possibility of 4-0 until Davis missed a pink and Bond, the world No. 9, cleared the colours to steal the frame on the black before recovering to 3-2 with a 75 break in the fifth.

Unruffled, Davis compiled a decisive 52 break in the next and although Bond courageously won the seventh with a 79 clearance from 53-8 down, he could not sustain the fightback.

"I really do feel very comfortable at the table and the great thing is I'm enjoying it so much," Davis said. "It's a nice attitude to have and one you just can't turn on and off like a tap. I couldn't ask for any better preparation for the world championship."

Sutton aware of risk

By Walter Gammie

NOTHING will be taken for granted by Alan Gane, the Sutton United manager, when his team goes into the second leg of the FA Trophy semi-final at Gander Green Lane today, despite a magnificent 3-2 victory over Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park last Saturday.

"We were pleased with the result of the first leg but we don't think the job is over by a long way," Gane said. "It's given us a tremendous boost but we don't have any false sense of security. Wycombe are a very good side."

Gane, who restored Wycombe to the GM Vauxhall Conference in his time as manager, has his heart set on doing the same for Sutton, who were relegated the season before last.

Sutton have fallen behind the pace set by Chesham United and St Albans in the Diadora League premier division, losing 7-0 at Chesham, where they had earlier won in the Trophy after collecting Conference scalps in Woking and Slough Town. They fielded a weakened side against Chesham with the Trophy in mind.

Gane said: "We started the season poorly and I didn't get the squad together I wanted until I signed Peter Byrne, Gary Thomas and Simon Quail in October." All three came on free transfers and the team that played Wycombe cost only £9,000, spent on Steve Browne and Steve Smart, signed from Gane's immediate former club, Wealdstone.

Hardcastle makes impressive return

SARAH Hardcastle celebrated her 24th birthday in style with a meeting record of 8min 47.63sec in the 800 metres freestyle at the Edinburgh International swimming meeting last night (Craig Lord writes). The last time she swam the distance long-course was here at the Royal Commonwealth pool 6½ years ago when she claimed the Commonwealth title in 8min 24.77sec, just 0.15sec adrift from the then world record. Weeks later, she retired, returning to the sport only last autumn.

Her time last night would have placed her fourth at the US national championships last week, puts her into the top ten in the world this year and bodes well for the European championships at Sheffield this summer.

Hardcastle was never pressed during the 16-length race, in which she averaged 1min 06sec per 100 metres to break Karen Mellor's pool record by two seconds and match the time she clocked in a short-course pool to claim the national winter championship title.

Since that win, in December, it has been non-stop training. She said: "I had to race. I needed the break." That she certainly got, and now looks forward to the 400 metres she will race today and again on Easter Monday at the Optrex World Challenge in Sheffield.

Paul Palmer proved the sense of his decision to turn down a British youth selection in favour of racing in Edinburgh. The 19-year-old from Lincoln beat Alexei Kudriatsev, of Russia, by the narrowest of official margins, 0.01sec, in 1min 52.52sec to win the 200 metres freestyle.

RESULTS: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 1min 52.52sec; 2, A Kudriavtsev (Russ), 1.52.53; 3, R Sloeserwij (Holl), 1.56.39. 50 metres breaststroke: 1, D Volkov (Russ), 29.46sec; 2, V Ivanov (Russ), 29.56; 3, J Parrack (City of Leeds), 29.91. Women: 800m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Borough of Southend), 8min 47.63sec; 2, B Wiersma (Holl), 9:01.01; 3, C Magrea (Rom), 9:01.21.

Pytchley has strong hand for competitive Worcester final

By Brian Beel

THE TIMES RISING STARS

THE Pytchley Hunt is well represented with four of the 17 entries who will be converging from all parts of Britain on Worcester next Wednesday for The Times Rising Stars final.

Three of these are trained by Caroline Saunders — Alpha One, Overheard and Royal Day. But only one of the first two is likely to start, as both are owned and ridden by Johnny Greenall.

Richard Russell will be hoping that the rain continues, to increase his chance on the mud-loving Royal Day.

The change of going could not have come at a worst time for the fourth Pytchley horse, Sheer Jest. His rider, Alan Hill, said: "He's not the same horse on soft ground, and is unlikely to run unless it dries." Sheer Jest, a prolific winner of hunter chases, would carry top weight of 12st 10lb as opposed to maiden mares, who have only 11st 2lb.

Wales is well represented through the Pembrokeshire-based Gold Shot, who won the Taunton qualifier in good style, and the Radnor Hunt's Foxgrove. She is on the lowest weight and, after running second to Overheard at Ludlow last Wednesday, must be in with a live chance.

Three, including the East Cornwall mare, Tamar Lass, are due to make the journey from the South West. Tamar Lass will be hoping to improve upon her third in the Ludlow qualifier, while The Jogger and Shamarphil, both from Devon, meet again, having come second and third respectively in Gold Shot's race.

A disappointing absentee from the North is Davy Blake, but Many A Slip, the horse he beat at Kelso and who has since won at Sedgefield, represents the Sinnington.

Near-neighbour, Red Under The Bed, from the York and Ainsty, is the only horse from a professional yard. Under the regulations, this is allowed if the horse is in the sole ownership of the trainer, in this case, Sue Bramall.

Brazen Gold, from Cheshire, and Frome Boy represent the North-West and Welsh Border region.

Followers of the Portman Hunt will be hoping for a better run from Tangle Jim, who only got as far as the seventh fence before unseating his rider at Taunton.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Ashford Valley, Charing, six miles north west of Ashford, (first race 2.00); Blackmore & Sparkford Vale, Kingweston, 2m E of Somerton (2.00); Curre, Howick, 2m W of Chepstow (2.00); Garth & South Berks, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (1.30); Ledbury, Maisemore Park, 2m NW of Gloucester (2.00); Middleton, Whitwell-on-the-Hill, 6m SW of Malton (2.00); Morpeth, Tranwell, 3m W of Morpeth (2.00), North Staffordshire, Sandon, 4m SE of Stone (2.00).

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.05 Lion Of Vienna. 2.35 Kirstenbosch. 3.05 Tartan Tyrant. 3.35 Stated Case. 4.05 Dolikos. 4.35 Precipice Run. 5.05 Wadeley.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.05 BORDER TELEVISION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,457: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 32PF CELTIC SONG 12 (CD,S) W Reed 6-11-3 ... T Reed
2 000 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 23 K Oliver 5-11-2 ... K Johnson
3 0005 DO A RUNNER 26 J Love 6-11-2 ... Mr S Love
4 P DOUGAL'S BIRTHDAY 14 G Coatsworth 7-11-2 ... A Merrigan
5 P04R GOODHEAVENS MRTONY 17 (V) M Naughton 6-11-2 ... J Davies (7)
6 -02P LION OF VIENNA 130 T Carr 6-11-2 ... B Storey
7 MONT MIRAIL G Richards 7-11-2 ... B Harding (7)
8 MOSSIMAN N Alexander 5-11-2 ... W Dwan (5)
9 -P00 ROYAL QUARRY 58 J Goulding 7-11-2 ... Mr R Hale (7)
10 4021 TEMPLE GARTH 32 (G) J Johnson 4-11-1 ... A Orkney
11 600P HIGH PENHOWE 23 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-11 ... C Woodall (7)
12 -PPB ROYAL RIFE 12 Mrs B Broad 7-10-11 ... Mr A Thornton (5)

8-11 Temple Garth, 11-4 Celtic Song, 8-1 Lion Of Vienna, 16-1 Mont Mirail, 25-1 others.

2.35 CUMMERSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,381: 2m 1f) (10)

1 3052 AS D'EBOLI 17F (F) M Hammond 6-12-0 ... Kate Sellers (7)
2 4140 BLUE DISC 19 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-11-6 ... S Wynne
3 P022 RHOMAN COIN 29 (B,S) B Rothwell 5-11-2 ... G Cahill (5)
4 -221 KIRSTENBOSCH 15 (CD,G) L Lungo 6-11-1 ... F Perratt (3)
5 8000 CONTACT KELVIN 12 (F,G,S) N Bycroft 11-10-13 ... W Dwan
6 0F44 PIT PONY 28 (V,CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-9 ... P Williams
7 4P63 KWACHA 25 W Williams 7-10-2 ... D Bentley
8 0-R0 PAY TO DREAM 19 W Storey 5-10-2 ... B Harding (3)
9 5330 SHAYNA MAIDEL 12 J Birkett 4-10-0 ... D J Moffatt
10 6050 BLUSHING GOLD 44 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-0 ... S Taylor (3)

11-4 Kirstenbosch, 9-2 Rhoman Coin, 5-1 Shayna Maidel, 6-1 Kwacha, 7-1 As D'Eboli, 8-1 Pay To Dream, 14-1 Pit Pony, 20-1 Blue Disc, 25-1 others.

3.05 BORDER GARDEN CENTRE NOVICES CHASE (£1,973: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 F11 TARTAN TYRANT 29 (G,S) G Richards 7-12-0 ... N Doughty
2 P312 CLONROCHE DRILLER 19 (D,G) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-8 ... Mr D Parker (7)
3 -043 ABERCROMBY COMET 154 B Mactaggart 8-11-2 ... C Grant
4 /PP- BOWLANDS WAY 467 (G,S) C Parker 9-11-2 ... B Storey
5 04-0 DAWN COYOTE 56 (S) Mrs S Taylor 10-11-2 ... G Harker
6 U5U5 KINNESTON 15 N Alexander 9-11-2 ... W Dwan (5)
7 500F MODULATOR 26 (B) T Dyer 11-11-2 ... P Harley
8 5023 MOSS BEE 12 W Reed 8-11-2 ... T Reed
9 P2P2 OUR SURVIVOR 12 (B,D,F) J Parkes 9-11-2 ... N Smith
10 3-F5 SCOTTISH REFORM 57 J J O'Neill 6-11-2 ... A Dobbin (3)

1-3 Tartan Tyrant, 7-1 Clonroche Driller, 12-1 Moss Bee, 16-1 Our Survivor, 20-1 Dawn Coyote, Scottish Reform, 50-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 8 winners from 28 runners, 28.6%; J Jefferson, 8 from 36, 22.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 49, 20.4%; M Hammond, 13 from 64, 20.3%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 4 from 21, 19.0%; G Richards, 33 from 183, 18.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 25 winners from 91 rides, 27.5%; P Niven, 24 from 96, 25.0%; A Dobbin, 5 from 26, 19.2%; D Bentley, 5 from 27, 18.5%; L Wyer, 8 from 44, 18.2%; B Storey, 23 from 159, 14.5%.

3.35 BELL LAWRIE WHITE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,041: 3m 110yd) (15)

1 -410 AMBLESIDE HARVEST 67 (C,BF,S) J J O'Neill 6-12-0 ... A Dobbin (3)
2 4211 ARDLUSSA BAY 38 (C,D,G,S) J Jefferson 5-11-7 ... G Tormey (7)
3 5611 STATED CASE 12 (B,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-11-4 ... L Wyer
4 4312 CELTIC BREEZE 12 (V,D,BF,G,S) M Naughton 10-11-3 ... W Dwan (5)
5 0423 FESTIVAL FANCY 12 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 ... P Niven
6 1380 CLYDE RANGER 38 (D,S) M Hammond 6-11-2 ... N Doughty
7 2212 SHELTON ABBEY 19 (D,BF,F,G) P Cheesbrough 7-10-11 ... C Grant
8 0442 GYMCRAK GAMBLE 60 (F) T Dyer 5-10-6 ... P Harley
9 2354 OUT THE GAP 15 (G,S) S Payne 10-10-4 ... J Supple (7)
10 1025 HARDIHERO 32 (F,S) G Wallis 7-10-2 ... B Storey
11 03-6 CARLINGFORD BELLE 15 J Needham 7-10-0 ... R Beggan
12 -USP BENGHAZI 29 A Thomson 9-10-0 ... Mr R Hale (7)
13 4654 TREBONKERS 29 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-0 ... F Perratt (7)
14 4-P6 OUR HERO 15 (V,S) W Storey 10-10-0 ... K Doolan
15 5006 HOME TO ROOST 25 (B,CD,G,S) F Jestin 13-10-0 ... T Reed

3-1 Ardlussa Bay, 4-1 Shelton Abbey, 6-1 Clyde Ranger, Stated Case, 13-2 Festival Fancy, 8-1 Celtic Breeze, 12-1 Gymcrak Gamble, 20-1 others.

4.05 BRACKENRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,679: 2m) (11)

1 2225 SPREE CROSS 80 (CD,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-11-10 ... K Johnson
2 2215 MONTPELIER LAD 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 6-11-9 ... M Moloney
3 6144 SWEET CITY 23 (D,S) G Richards 8-11-0 ... N Doughty
4 5143 LAPIAFFE 73 (F,G,S) A Harrison 9-10-10 ... B Storey
5 3426 YAHEEB 29 (C,D,G,S) M W Easterby 9-10-9 ... L Wyer
6 P-41 DOLIKOS 128 (C,D,S) J Jefferson 6-10-7 ... P Niven
7 5320 RINGMORE 12 (D,F,G,S) J Parkes 11-10-2 ... N Smith
8 2U24 PALM HOUSE 17 (V,D,F,G,S) W Storey 8-10-1 ... K Doolan
9 3030 POSITIVE ACTION 60 (D,F,S) M Barnes 7-10-0 ... A Dobbin (3)
10 /8P3 DARK EMPEROR 26 (F,S) Mrs E Slack 12-10-0 ... D Bentley (5)
11 24U4 GREAT POKEY 25 (D,F) A Comer 8-10-0 ... A Orkney

5-2 Montpelier Lad, 5-1 Lapiaffe, 11-2 Sweet City, 6-1 Dolikos, 7-1 Spree Cross, 8-1 Palm House, 12-1 Yaheeb, 20-1 others.

4.35 CARLISLE CLUB MEMBERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,767: 2m 1f) (18)

1 51 LYNCH LAW 12 (F) P Cheesbrough 5-11-8 ... Mr A Thornton (5)
2 2-01 PRECIPICE RUN 23 (G) G Richards 8-11-8 ... N Doughty
3 P000 ACQUISITION 15 S Payne 6-11-2 ... J Supple (7)
4 F BALLY FLAME 5 Mrs M Kendall 7-11-2 ... Mrs M Kendall
5 0F0 BEACH PATROL 42 W Storey 5-11-2 ... K Doolan
6 -FF0 BELLOFAGUS 12 K Oliver 8-11-2 ... R Garritty
7 6242 HEATHVIEW 19 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 ... D Byrne
8 03 HILLTOWN 31 J Johnson 5-11-2 ... A Orkney
9 0/P- IT'S THE PITS 512 L Lungo 6-11-2 ... T Reed
10 0 MAN OF MOREEF 29 K Oliver 6-11-2 ... K Johnson
11 6640 PALACEGATE KING 38 (S) A Watts 4-11-2 ... M Moloney
12 460 TROPNEVAD 33 J Jefferson 5-11-2 ... P Niven
13 204P LEINTHALL FOX 45 (S) J Needham 7-10-11 ... R Beggan
14 0/6- VAIGLY FINE 441 J Charlton 6-10-11 ... B Storey
15 2054 ABELONI 17 W Williams 4-10-10 ... L O'Hara
16 0 DENIM BLUE 12 W Reed 4-10-10 ... C Grant
17 0 AIDE MEMOIRE 38 Mrs B Broad 4-10-5 ... C Woodall (7)
18 U00 SULAAH ROSE 44 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-5 ... M Sharratt

9-4 Lynch Law, 5-2 Precipice Run, 7-2 Hilltown, 13-2 Heathview, 16-1 Abeloni, 25-1 others.

5.05 BORDER TELEVISION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,446: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 0122 BISHOP'S TIPPLE 32 (G) T Carr 7-11-8 ... A Orkney
2 5F51 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 15 (CD,G) G Richards 6-11-8 ... N Doughty
3 0-41 WADELEY 61 (S) J Edwards 6-11-8 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
4 F ANDRETTI'S HEIR 78 P Beaumont 7-11-2 ... C Hawkins
5 64 JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN 19 J Adam 6-11-2 ... C Grant
6 0 MISTER JOE 84 S Payne 6-11-2 ... J Supple (7)
7 63P2 SHAWWELL 21 J Charlton 6-11-2 ... B Storey
8 0P THYNE RUN 21 J Johnson 5-11-2 ... T Reed
9 50 TOBIN BRONZE 42 M Hammond 6-11-2 ... P Niven
10 80-0 LEINTHALL PRINCESS 47 J Needham 7-10-11 ... R Beggan
11 RR21 RUN PET RUN 36 (CD,G,S) P Monteith 8-10-11 ... S Lyons (5)

15-8 Wadeley, 4-1 Tartan Tradewinds, 9-2 Bishop's Tipple, 13-2 Shawwell, 8-1 Judicious Captain, 10-1 Run Pet Run, 25-1 others.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
2.20 Lodestar. 2.50 Dublin Flyer. 3.20 Arr Eff Bee. 3.50 Kentish Piper. 4.20 Moving Out. 4.50 Ketti. 5.20 Cariboo Gold.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT CHASE COURSE) SIS

2.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £2,165: 2m) (16 runners)

1 030 ASTINGS 122 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6 ... M Dwyer
2 BIRCHALL BOY J McConnochie 5-11-6 ... J Railton
3 /30 CHARLY PHARLY 19 B Llewellyn 6-11-6 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
4 0 FROG HOLLOW 67 T Forster 5-11-6 ... C Llewellyn
5 0F3 GO UNIVERSAL 58 M Stanstock 5-11-6 ... B de Haan
6 0-26 LODESTAR 147 (BF) N Tinkler 5-11-6 ... G McCourt
7 5S MUST BE MAGICAL 21 J Mackie 5-11-6 ... N Williamson
8 6452 SOHRAB 14 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 ... C Maude
9 0600 THE OVERTRUMPER 40 G Roe 5-11-6 ... R Greene (3)
10 P WHERE ARE WE 3 D Williams 7-11-6 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
11 5/ CAROUSEL MUSIC 150F J Akehurst 6-11-1 ... D Gallagher
12 8-64 NICSAMLYN 53 C Smith 6-11-1 ... N Mann
13 ALIF 192F W Clay 4-11-0 ... Diane Clay
14 44 CONSTRUCTIVIST 26 M Barraclough 4-11-0 ... R Supple
15 P LAUREL CONNECTION 37 Mrs A Hewitt 4-11-0 ... R Bellamy
16 0 SCALLY'S COMET 57 B Preece 4-10-9 ... T Wall

11-10 Sohrab, 9-2 Lodestar, 11-2 Astings, 8-1 Go Universal, 12-1 others.

2.50 TOTE JACKPOT NOVICES CHASE (£3,087: 3m 2f) (5)

1 122F OBIE'S TRAIN 51 (G,S) M Pipe 7-12-1 ... D Richmond (5)
2 4122 DUBLIN FLYER 66 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-9 ... C Llewellyn
3 R021 RUFUS 53 (D,S) J Edwards 7-11-9 ... N Williamson
4 0-0P KING OF SHADOWS 52 J Carden 6-11-3 ... Gary Lyons
5 502P WALDORF T BEAGLE 31 C Egerton 7-11-3 ... A S Smith

11-10 Dublin Flyer, 7-4 Rufus, 5-2 Obies Train, 16-1 others.

3.20 TOTE PLACEPOT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,064: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 4-6P DECIDED 21 (F,G,S) R Lee 10-12-7 ... Leanne Eldredge (7)
2 414- HARRY LIME 320 (F,S) C Bridgett 8-10-5 ... Lorna Vincent
3 03P2 JUST 26 (V,S) M Pipe 7-10-5 ... D Richmond (5)
4 50F- ITALIAN TOUR 340 (D,G) Mrs G Plowright 13-10-3 ... A Mulholland
5 0402 TEMPORALE 19 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 7-10-2 ... R Supple
6 12-6 ARR EFF BEE 21 (B,G) J Smith 6-10-2 ... I Lawrence
7 0556 THE HIDDEN CITY 9 (G) C Trietline 7-10-2 ... R Marley
8 2F3U TRISTAN'S COMET 21 (D) J Harris 6-10-1 ... J A Harris
9 2334 MONK'S MISTAKE 21 (F,G,S) A Forbes 11-10-0 ... T Eley (5)
10 -006 NOBLE BID 45 (B,CD,F,G) Miss S Wilton 9-10-0 ... W Marston (3)
11 3-P0 INVITE D'HONNEUR 71 (D,G) C Broad 11-10-0 ... Jacqui Oliver
12 5P53 RAMSEY STREET 19 B Llewellyn 6-10-0 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
13 664/ MISTER BYBLOS 782 (F,S) R Price 7-10-0 ... N Williamson
14 0P0P LANDSKER OATS 18 (D,F,G) Mrs P Sly 7-10-0 ... S Curran (7)
15 0-00 DREADNOUGHT 122 (C,S) J Carden 13-10-0 ... Gary Lyons
16 200- ARRAN VIEW 499 B Llewellyn 7-10-0 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
17 4P-0 MARIE BABY 51 (S) G Roe 9-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER
18 P4P- DANISH CHIEF 430 (S) W Clay 12-10-0 ... Diane Clay

7-2 Temporale, 9-2 Just, 5-1 Harry Lime, 7-1 Tristan's Comet, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 5 from 11, 45.5%; M Pipe, 38 from 111, 34.2%; T Forster, 9 from 28, 32.1%; P Dalton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 38, 23.7%; D Nicholson, 6 from 27, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 3 from 8, 37.5%; G McCourt, 18 from 90, 20.0%; T Eley, 6 from 30, 20.0%; D Byrne, 6 from 31, 19.4%; N Williamson, 11 from 59, 18.6%; C Llewellyn, 10 from 55, 18.2%.

3.50 TOTE ON-COURSE BETTING SHOP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,582: 2m 5f) (9)

1 2126 KENTISH PIPER 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Gaselee 8-11-10 ... M Dwyer
2 UU-2 BASILEA 177 (F,G,S) T Forster 10-11-7 ... C Llewellyn
3 F0SU WINABUCK 9 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-11-5 ... W Humphreys
4 -246 FURRY KNOWE 57 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 8-10-13 ... B de Haan
5 0-64 MERITMOORE 51 (G,S) G Moore 10-10-7 ... J Callaghan
6 214P BEL COURSE 9 (F,G,S) J Webber 11-10-6 ... W Marston (3)
7 0PUF COMEDY ROAD 22 (B,F,G) R Lee 9-10-3 ... R Greene (3)
8 2022 WIGTOWN BAY 14 (C,F,G) J Mackie 10-10-2 ... N Williamson
9 4P22 RADICAL REQUEST 52 (G,S) K Burke 10-10-0 ... R Supple

3-1 Kentish Piper, 4-1 Bel Course, 5-1 Basilea, Winabuck, 6-1 Furry Knowe, 7-1 Wigtown Bay, 8-1 Meritmoore, 12-1 Radical Request, 25-1 Comedy Road.

4.20 TOTE COURSE TO COURSE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,323: 2m) (15)

1 0010 MOVING OUT 40 (D,BF,G) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 ... C Llewellyn
2 3P11 LEESWOOD 31 (F,S) R Lee 5-11-6 ... R Greene (3)
3 015 JUPITER MOON 164 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-11-3 ... C Dennis (3)
4 2110 JOHNSTED 19 (B,D,G) W Clay 7-10-13 ... Diane Clay
5 42FF SOLO CORNET 21 (BF,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-12 ... M Dwyer
6 3/F TAURUS 56 Mrs J Pitman 7-10-12 ... B de Haan
7 066 ARANY 48 M Tompkins 6-10-11 ... G McCourt
8 -3821 MECADO 19 (V,C,G,S) F Yardley 6-10-8 ... D Gallagher
9 4216 DAILY SPORT GIRL 16 (D,BF,G) B Llewellyn 4-10-6 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
10 000 BARAHIN 10 R O'Sullivan 4-10-4 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
11 2213 CLASSIC EXHIBIT 16 (CD,G) A Forbes 4-10-2 ... T Eley (5)
12 F0SF CELTIC BARON 31 Mrs A Hewitt 8-10-2 ... R Bellamy
13 000 PRIME MOVER 33F D Burchell 5-10-0 ... D J Burchell
14 P5/4 FOREST LORD 15 D McCain 9-10-0 ... D Walsh (5)
15 P-5P RAPID BOY 205 Mrs E Scott 9-10-0 ... W Marston (3)

3-1 Leeswood, 4-1 Johnsted, 5-1 Moving Out, 7-1 Solo Cornet, 8-1 Arany, 10-1 Mecado, 12-1 Jupiter Moon, 14-1 Classic Exhibit, Daily Sport Girl, 20-1 others.

4.50 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,820: 2m) (5)

1 0230 KETTI 23 (B,D,F,G,S) D Williams 8-11-10 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
2 3P54 PHILS PRIDE 43 (BF,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-7 ... M Dwyer
3 2433 KANNDABIL 35 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 6-10-12 ... G McCourt
4 6-45 DOOLAR 148 (D,BF,F,G) P Dalton 6-10-0 ... N Mann
5 2221 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 21 (CD,G,S) G Charles-Jones 5-10-0 ... D Meade (7)

13-8 Kanndabil, 2-1 Ketti, 5-1 Phils Pride, Whippers Delight, 7-1 Doolar.

5.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,165: 2m) (16)

1 55- BEDOUIN PRINCE 15F B Richmond 6-11-6 ... M Dwyer
2 4/ BROWNSIDE BRIG 1130 M Tompkins 8-11-6 ... P Smith Eccles (7)
3 5 CELTINO 28 T Forster 5-11-6 ... C Llewellyn
4 2R-4 IL BAMBINO 14 H Manners 5-11-6 ... D Gallagher
5 5000 PRINCETHORPE 22 B Cambidge 6-11-6 ... Gary Lyons
6 P00F RIDDLEMEROO 28 A Forbes 8-11-6 ... T Eley (5)
7 2/0 ROY'S HILL 56 Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-6 ... B de Haan
8 200 SHAKE TOWN 31 J Mackie 5-11-6 ... N Williamson
9 P STORMING RUN 57 P Dalton 5-11-6 ... N Mann
10 FP83 TINA'S MISSILE 22 R Lee 6-11-6 ... R Greene (3)
11 -042 POP ABROAD 51 P Bevan 8-11-1 ... T Wall
12 P04P WALKING SAINT 18 G Roe 6-11-1 ... G McCourt
13 3P0 CARIBOO GOLD 42 K Bailey 4-11-0 ... J Railton
14 60 FAMBRIDGE 45 D Nicholson 4-11-0 ... W Marston (3)
15 6U43 OUR MAN IN HAVANA 31 Mrs A Swinbank 4-11-0 ... C Dennis (3)
16 0-05 FORCE EIGHT 18 J Chugg 6-11-6 ... W Humphreys

3-1 Shake Town, 7-2 Cariboo Gold, 6-1 Tina's Missile, 13-2 Pop Abroad, 8-1 Il Bambino, 10-1 Celtino, Fambridge, 12-1 Our Man In Havana, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER
2.25 Camelot Knight. 2.55 Fiddlers Three. 3.25 Kabayil. 3.55 Dr Rocket. 4.25 Stylus. 4.55 Tenesaint.
Brian Beel: 4.55 Tenesaint.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION)

2.25 TURF CLUB NOVICES CHASE (£2,758: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

1 1250 CAMELOT KNIGHT 63 (S) Miss H Knight 7-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 FURP DERRING VALLEY 21 (B,G,S) A Jones 8-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
3 4231 LIRIE LAD 21 (CD,F) P Rodford 7-11-10 ... T Thompson (7)
4 PP51 MAN OF MYSTERY 7 (S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 ... D Bridgwater
5 PF21 SHEER ABILITY 65 (CD,S) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
6 6060 FRAMPTON HOUSE 32 (S) M Charles 11-11-4 ... Mr S Joynes (7)
7 PP6U GLENGRIFFIN 46 (G) J Gifford 8-11-4 ... D Murphy
8 2634 PRINCE'S COURT 38 (B,F) A Turnell 10-11-4 ... S McNeill
9 326P SARAH'S WROATH 56 M Scudamore 8-11-4 ... M Brennan
10 5362 THE LIGHTER SIDE 42 (F,G) M Charles 7-11-4 ... Judy Davies (7)
11 10-U WHY RUN 54 (S) D Murray Smith 8-11-4 ... J White
12 -535 JOBURN 10 S Sherwood 10-10-13 ... L Harvey
13 0-P MOSSY RUN 30 J Wharton 6-10-13 ... B Dalton (7)
14 P000 DAMCADA 19 D Wintle 5-10-10 ... H Davies

3-1 Man Of Mystery, 4-1 Sheer Ability, 9-2 Camelot Knight, 7-1 Joburn, 8-1 Prince's Court, 12-1 The Lighter Side, 14-1 others.

2.55 28th YEAR OF THE SCHILIZZI 1906 COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £4,012: 2m 6f) (4)

1 2221 PLASTIC SPACEAGE 63 (B,S) J Old 10-11-10 ... T Grantham
2 3F10 FALSE ECONOMY 21 (C,G,S) J Edwards 8-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
3 011-3 FIDDLERS THREE 52 (G,S) T Forster 10-10-13 ... H Davies
4 1001 BOWL OF OATS 60 (B,S) A Turnell 7-10-5 ... S McNeill

7-4 Fiddlers Three, 9-4 Plastic Spaceage, 3-1 False Economy, 7-2 Bowl Of Oats.

3.25 GRACE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,978: 2m) (11)

1 150P SLEEPLINE ROYALE 21 (D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-10 ... S Smith Eccles
2 -562 SYDMONTON 39 (D,G) N Henderson 7-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
3 0530 SARDSUMO 77 (CD,F,S) M Tompkins 8-11-1 ... D Murphy
4 2233 EASTERN MAGIC 85 (D) J Akehurst 5-10-13 ... L Harvey
5 PPF6 MAGNUS PYM 68 (D,G,S) G Balding 8-10-13 ... D Bridgwater
6 0P12 WESSEX WARRIOR 9 (D,F) D Laing 7-10-10 ... Pat Thompson (7)
7 3410 WINGS OF FREEDOM 23 (CD,F) J Jenkins 5-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs
8 11 KABAYIL 54 (G,S) C Egerton 4-10-9 ... J Osborne
9 5530 ROPE 22 (D,F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-6 ... J White
10 0063 SOVEREIGN SOUND 21 (B,D,G) A Turnell 6-10-2 ... S McNeill
11 -154 WHAT IF 28 (CD,BF,F,G,S) D Brennan 9-10-0 ... M Brennan

7-2 Kabayil, 9-2 Sydmonton, 5-1 Eastern Magic, 6-1 Sleepline Royale, 8-1 Wings Of Freedom, 9-1 Sardsumo, 10-1 Wessex Warrior, 16-1 others.

3.55 32nd YEAR OF THE SCHILIZZI CHALLENGE BOWL (Handicap chase: £3,002: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 2344 CHIASSO FORTE 32 (D,BF,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
2 P231 CHANGE THE ACT 17 (B,D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 8-11-9 ... J Osborne
3 U41F DR ROCKET 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 8-11-1 ... D Meredith (3)
4 11-F BLUE BUCCANEER 149 (CD,BF,G,S) T Forster 10-10-8 ... L Harvey
5 -P4P ROMAN DART 43 (D,G,S) M Scudamore 9-10-4 ... S McNeill
6 2244 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 7 (CD,BF,F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 ... R Dunwoody

2-1 Change The Act, 3-1 Dr Rocket, 4-1 Chiasso Forte, 6-1 Blue Buccaneer, 8-1 They All Forgot Me, 20-1 Roman Dart.

4.25 HOILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,480: 2m) (11)

1 13 STYLUS 42 (D,S) D Nicholson 11-4 ... R Dunwoody
2 P FORTUNE STAR 44 O Sherwood 10-12 ... J Osborne
3 OLEJ 163F C Broad 10-12 ... A Flannigan (7)
4 8 SOOTHFAST 26 J Old 10-12 ... T Grantham
5 0222 HALLO MAM 21 (BF) O Brennan 10-7 ... M Brennan
6 0 JUST ROSIE 92 A Turnell 10-7 ... S McNeill
7 0 LAY IT OFF 38 J G O'Neill 10-7 ... D Geoghegan (5)
8 55F5 PEARLY WHITE 9 H Manners 10-7 ... Mr Richard White (7)
9 610 RICH DESIRE 24 (F) R Bennett 10-7 ... L O'Hara (7)
10 THRILL SEEKER 157F M Tompkins 10-7 ... D Murphy
11 05 UPTON LASS 49 A Turnell 10-7 ... L Harvey

2-5 Stylus, 8-1 Thrill Seeker, 8-1 Rich Desire, 12-1 Hallo Mam, 14-1 Fortune Star, 20-1 Rich Desire, Upton Lass, 25-1 others.

4.55 EMPRESS ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,786: 3m 1f) (11)

1 A/11 TENESAINT 30 (CD,F,G,S) C Saunders 12-12-8 ... A Sansome (7)
2 24-0 FENCE JUDGE 51 (C,D,S) R Heyman 11-12-4 ... C Millington (7)
3 U-36 MOOR SCOPE 37 (C,D,F,S) J White 11-12-4 ... M Rimell (7)
4 3600 BLUE DART 8 (D,G,S) T Forster 13-12-0 ... D Alers-Hankey (7)
5 61F/ FRENCHMANS FANCY 771 (S) R Jenks 12-12-0 ... J Wingfield Digby (7)
6 P-3P HOPE DIAMOND 37 (B,S) C Trietline 10-12-0 ... M Armytage
7 054- KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 409 (D,F,G) P Clarke 13-12-0 ... P Clarke (7)
8 0B/ LAND OF WONDER 807 Mrs C Hicks 6-12-0 ... R Hicks (7)
9 60-P LEAGAUNE 3 (C,S) T Casey 11-12-0 ... B Pollock (7)
10 DANIK G Luck 13-12-0 ... J Luck (7)
11 PPF- PARK SHADE 359 (C,D,F) R Mathew 14-12-0 ... N Bradley (7)

1-3 Tenesaint, 7-1 Moor Scope, 12-1 Frenchmans Fancy, Park Shade, 14-1 Fence Judge, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Saunders, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; O Sherwood, 13 from 46, 28.3%; N Henderson, 13 from 55, 23.6%; O Brennan, 11 from 49, 22.4%; J Old, 7 from 33, 21.2%; M Tompkins, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 10 winners from 36 rides, 27.8%; J White, 12 from 46, 26.1%; J Osborne, 8 from 54, 14.8%; R Dunwoody, 20 from 136, 14.7%; L Harvey, 11 from 83, 13.3%; T Grantham, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

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Beckhampton trainer gauging three-year-old strength

Charlton tests classic waters

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

ROGER Charlton tests the water at Kempton today with runners in the listed Easter Stakes and Masaka Stakes, both over a mile. Baron Ferdinand represents him in the former contest, while White Shadow runs in the fillies' equivalent.

Even with Baron Ferdinand representing him, Charlton is bound to follow with equal interest the progress of Right Win, a durable juvenile in the best Richard Hannon tradition, and one beaten two lengths by Charlton's 2,000 Guineas candidate, Inchinor, on soft ground at Ascot in September.

A further four lengths adrift that day was John Gosden's Emperor Jones, one of only ten entries for the Free Handicap at Newmarket on Wednesday. The race will do well to sustain each-way betting back to third place, as Sueboog and Bashayer, both nominated, hold preferred alternatives.

Inchinor will be giving the Craven a miss in favour of the Greenham Stakes at Newbury a week today. According to Charlton, Inchinor is his best three-year-old colt, while his best filly, the new arrival Secrage, tackles the Fred Darling Stakes.

Beaten only once, by Zafonic, in the last of three outings as a juvenile, Inchinor has pleased his handler over the winter. Newmarket's lightning fast gallops have hampered the conditioning of many of the town's classic hopefuls, but Charlton has had no such irritations at Beckhampton in Wiltshire.

Charlton has opted for the Newbury trial because he does not want Inchinor to have three consecutive races at the same track. It was at Newmarket that his colt succumbed to Zafonic and, given a satisfactory debut next week, Inchinor will return there for the one-mile classic on May 1. "They are much more likely to stay interested if they have variation in their lives," Charlton explained. "It doesn't do them any good to have a series of hard races at the same place."

Secrage will be unfamiliar to British racegoers. Trained in Italy and campaigned in France for much of last season, the daughter of Secreto got to within three-parts of a length of Zafonic over six furlongs at Deauville in August, with Wednesday's Maisons-Laffitte winners, Kingmambo and Wixon, behind her.

Beaten more than five lengths into seventh place in the Prix Marcel Boussac over a mile, the quick-starting Secrage subsequently landed a weakly-contested listed race in Italy over seven furlongs, before Carlos Stelling opened his cheque book and had her transferred to Beckhampton. There must be a stamina doubt about so fast a filly, but Charlton is convinced she will see out a mile.

As for today's Kempton races, Charlton is far from optimistic about saddling a winner. He would not be too dissatisfied if Baron Ferdinand finished second to Right Win, whose chance in the Easter Stakes looks particularly solid in this soft ground.

The Masaka Stakes has a more open feel. Charlton's filly, White Shadow, is the most heavily penalised in the race. She has been asked to concede 4lb to Bright Generation and 6lb to Ajfan: both fillies reached the frame in group one races last season.

For all that, however, they are passed over in favour of the progressive Zenith, trained by Ian Balding. A daughter of Shirley Heights, Zenith acted well in softish ground when chasing home the talented Thawakib at Salisbury in September before opening her account with a decisive victory at Beverley. She can improve enough to take this prize.



Charlton: high hopes for Inchinor and Secrage

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Unforgiving Minute
(4.15 Kempton)
Next best: Ajfan
(3.45 Kempton)

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.10 Jack Button. 1.40 Kasserhom. 2.10 Roger The Butler. 2.40 Densben. 3.10 Chinese Treasure. 3.40 Red Leader. 4.10 Doc Cottrill.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Lord Olivier. 4.10 STRICTLY PERSONAL (nap).

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.10 CHEADLE HULME CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC1)
(£6,385: 2m 45yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 40/0/63- CRYSTAL SPIRIT 10J (C,D,B) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-9-0 ... M Hills 92
2 (1) 10321-0 FARSI 15 (D,F,B) (J Bower) R Hollinshead 5-9-0 ... W Ryan
3 (4) 0151/0-0 FRENCH IVY 15 (D,F,G) (K Flood) Mrs A King 6-9-0 ... K Fallon 95
4 (5) 31602-3 JACK BUTTON 15 (CD,F,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-8-10 ... N Day 98
5 (3) NORTHERN RARITY 24J (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 4-8-10 ... D Nicholls –

BETTING: 11-10 Jack Button, 13-8 Crystal Spirit, 3-1 Farsi, 20-1 French Ivy, Northern Rarity.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL SPIRIT 11l 3rd of 7 to Sweet Duke in the grade II Letheby & Christopher Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot last time out (3m, good to soft). On last Flat start 4½l 3rd of 21 to Gondolier in the Ascot Stakes at the royal meeting (2m 4f, good to soft). JACK BUTTON 1½l 3rd of 16 to Snow Board in a handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm), with FARSI (14lb better off) 8½l 7th and FRENCH IVY (11lb better off) 1l 8th. NORTHERN RARITY 16l 9th of 24 to Rhythm Section in a National Hunt flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm). Selection: FARSI

1.40 MATTHEW PEACOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,720: 7f 30yd) (7 runners)

1 (3) KASSERHOM (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... G Hind –
2 (6) NORTHGATE FIREMAN (Northgate Lodge Racing Ltd) M Brittain 9-0 ... M Wigham –
3 (5) RIVER LIFE (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter –
4 (2) 0- SHAMGAAN 234 (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... B Raymond –
5 (7) 64- SOLOMON'S DANCER 154 (D Hart) W Haigh 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 94
6 (4) 40- WALI 170 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ... M Hills 87
7 (1) 4 BINT AL BALAD 11 (M Suhail) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... W R Swinburn

BETTING: 5-2 Bint Al Balad, 3-1 Kasserhom, 9-2 River Life, 5-1 Shamgaan, 10-1 Wali, 14-1 Solomon's Dancer, 25-1 Northgate Fireman.

1992: INCHCAILLOCH 9-0 S Raymont (Evens fav) R Charlton 9 ran

2.10 FIELD MARSHAL STAKES (BBC1)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,575: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (2) 12411- UP AND AT 'EM (D) (Mrs A Hughes) J Coogan (Ire) 9-4 ... B J Coogan 98
2 (5) 325241- ANSELLMAN 168 (D,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 9-1 ... B Raymond 97
3 (3) 20140-1 SABRE RATTLER 12 (D,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 9-1 ... G Carter 98
4 (1) 25150-2 KAMAATERA 12 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 87
5 (8) 43225-1 LORD OLIVIER 11 (D,F) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 8-11 ... M Tebbutt
6 (6) 22124-2 ROGER THE BUTLER 11 (S) (M Hawkin) M Bell 8-11 ... M Hills 95
7 (4) 13115- SEA GAZER 185 (CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) T Barron 8-11 ... K Darley 88
8 (7) 111521- LUCKY PARKES 238 (D,G) (J Heler) J Berry 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 90

BETTING: 5-2 Up And At 'Em, 4-1 Lord Olivier, 5-1 Roger The Butler, 7-1 Sabre Rattler, Sea Gazer, 8-1 Lucky Parkes, 12-1 Ansellman, 16-1 Kamaatera.

1992: PARIS HOUSE 9-1 J Carroll (3-1) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

UP AND AT 'EM beat ROGER THE BUTLER (7lb better off) 2½l in the group III Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot (5f, good), with ANSELLMAN (3lb better off) 1½l 4th and LORD OLIVIER (7lb better off) 1½l 6th. ANSELLMAN beat Fylde Flyer ½l in a 10-runner listed race Doncaster (5f, good to soft), with ROGER THE BUTLER (4lb better off) 2l 4th. SABRE RATTLER beat KAMAATERA (6lb worse off) easy 2l in a 2-runner conditions race at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). LORD OLIVIER beat ROGER THE BUTLER (same terms) 1½l in a conditions race at Leicester (6f, firm). SEA GAZER 6½l 5th of 24 to Pip's Pride in the Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar (6f, heavy). Previously beat Joyofracing ½l in a conditions race at 5-runner Catterick (6f, good). LUCKY PARKES beat ANSELLMAN (10lb worse off) a neck in a 7-runner conditions race Ripon (5f, good). Selection: UP AND AT 'EM

2.40 BEAMISH STOUT RATED STAKES (BBC1)
(£6,291: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 200331- HARD TO FIGURE 166 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-9-7 ... S Drowne (7) 94
2 (5) 141052- ECHO-LOGICAL 203 (F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-8-12 ... K Darley 95
3 (1) 000002- SIR HARRY HARDMAN 183 (C,D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 5-8-10 ... B Raymond
4 (6) 60133-0 DENSBEN 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 9-8-8 ... K Fallon 97
5 (2) 306400- DOMINUET 154 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-8-7 ... J Lowe 94
6 (4) 40330-4 ADWICK PARK 15 (D,F,B) (D Taylor) M Bell 5-8-7 ... M Hills 93
7 (3) 600000- THE AUCTION BIDDER 154 (C,S) (Heatmann Stables) R Hollinshead 6-8-7 W Ryan –

BETTING: 5-2 Adwick Park, 4-1 Echo-Logical, Sir Harry Hardman, 5-1 Densben, 11-2 Hard To Figure, 7-1 Dominuet, 14-1 The Auction Bidder.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HARD TO FIGURE beat Isaiah ¾l in a 10-runner handicap at Lingfield (6f, soft). ECHO-LOGICAL 2l 2nd of 28 to Lochsong in the Ayr Gold Cup (6f, soft), with DOMINUET (4lb better off) 2l 4th, DENSBEN (same terms) 1½l 6th, HARD TO FIGURE (3lb worse off) a head 7th and SIR HARRY HARDMAN (17lb better off) 6½l 20th. DENSBEN 4½l 3rd of 22 to Everglades in a handicap at Doncaster in October (8f, good), with THE AUCTION BIDDER (1lb worse off) 9½l 15th. ADWICK PARK around 2½l 4th of 11 to Gorinsky in a handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm), with DENSBEN (1lb better off) 2½l 8th. Selection: ECHO-LOGICAL

3.10 J & K PALMER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,924: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (8) CHINESE TREASURE (K Snow) W Jarvis 9-0 ... N Day –
2 (2) 0 CLOSE TO REALITY 16 (Mrs B Southam) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... K Fallon –
3 (5) HEATHYARDS CRUSADE (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Ryan –
4 (7) 0 HILTONS TRAVEL 16 (Mrs D Jones) E Alston 9-0 ... S Webster –
5 (10) MONKEY MUSIC (The Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter –
6 (1) MOSCOW ROAD (G Sampson) R Hannon 9-0 ... A McGlone –
7 (6) ROCKY TWO (R Thornhill) B McMahon 9-0 ... A Mackay –
8 (3) SONNETEER (P Bourke) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch –
9 (8) 32 HILL FARM KATIE 10 (D Newton) P Evans 8-9 ... M Hills –
10 (4) 2 PORTITE SOPHIE 8 (Ms M Hanlon) M Brittain 8-9 ... M Wigham –

BETTING: 11-4 Monkey Music, 7-2 Moscow Road, 5-1 Hill Farm Katie, 11-2 Chinese Treasure, 8-1 others.

1992: NORSTAND 9-0 M Birch (2-1 fav) M H Easterby 6 ran

3.40 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,795: 7f 30yd) (4 runners)

1 (2) 340411- RED LEADER 152 (G,S) (Generous Racing Club) P Cole 9-7 ... L Aspell (5)
2 (1) 600200- PANTHER 168 (Mrs C Ashworth) J Hetherton 9-3 ... P Johnson 96
3 (4) 062530- TTYFRAN 231 (Mrs C Collinson) F Lee 9-1 ... J Dennis 98
4 (3) 65400- DAILY SPORT DON 177 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-13 ... D Gibbs (3) 95

BETTING: 4-5 Red Leader, 7-2 Panther, 9-2 Daily Sport Don, 6-1 Ttyfran.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.10 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,836: 1m 2f 120yd) (10 runners)

1 (6) 6115- HEATHYARDS BOY 181 (C,S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... W Ryan 84
2 (9) 2116- PERSIAN BRAVE 235 (F,S) (Persian Partnership) M Bell 9-5 ... M Hills 85
3 (8) 104- MOORISH 188 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 ... B Raymond 93
4 (5) 240326- KEY TO MY HEART 154 (F,S) (Mrs M Pickering) D Moffatt 8-8 ... Dean McKeown 92
5 (2) 52152- HARPOON LOUIE 168 (F) (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-8 ... K Darley 93
6 (10) 4200- NEMEA 188 (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 8-6 ... G Carter
7 (3) 321-2 STRICTLY PERSONAL 14 (BF) (R Earner) J Gosden 8-0 ... G Hind 88
8 (1) 2030-4 MONDRAGON 16 (Skeltools Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 8-0 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 91
9 (4) 04513-3 DOC COTTRILL 16 (S) (K Whelden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-13 ... B Doyle (5) 96
10 (7) 61352-0 ARGYLE CAVALIER 18 (S) (E Jones (Paints) Ltd) F Lee 7-7 ... G Bardwell 98

Long handicap: Argyle Cavalier 7-6.

BETTING: 9-4 Strictly Personal, 9-2 Doc Cottrill, 6-1 Harpoon Louie, 8-1 Mondragon, Moorish, 10-1 Nemea, Persian Brave, 14-1 Heathyards Boy, 16-1 Key To My Heart, 25-1 Argyle Cavalier

1992: MAGNIFICENT 8-5 K Rutter (3-1) M Jarvis 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Bob Jones	3	9	33.3	M Hills	14	78	17.9
J Gosden	18	57	31.6	W Ryan	19	119	16.0
M Bell	6	25	24.0	N Day	6	40	15.0
P Walwyn	6	28	21.4	W R Swinburn	8	55	14.5
M Stoute	12	69	17.4	D Nicholls	7	52	13.5
P Cole	5	31	16.1	Dean McKeown	18	138	13.0

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Northern Celadon. 2.45 Khattat. 3.15 PRINCELY FAVOUR (nap). 3.45 Ajfan. 4.15 Crystal Cross. 4.45 Right Win. 5.15 Lahoob. 5.45 Twice The Groom.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Secret Society.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 RIGHT WIN.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,289: 5f) (11 runners)

101 (3) BATON BLEU (D Thompson) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid –
102 (2) BOLD CYRANO (Millbrook Associates) B Palling 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (5) –
103 (6) GENERAL SHIRLEY (C Wright) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn –
104 (10) LIVELY STREAM (J Smith) J Eustace 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
105 (9) 0 MAKE THE BREAK 18 (BF) (Mrs J Reglar) R Hannon 9-0 ... B Rouse –
106 (4) NORTHERN CELADON (R Marchant) M Jarvis 9-0 ... P Robinson –
107 (1) PERSIAN HERITAGE (W Allgood) J Payne 9-0 ... A Munro –
108 (5) SILVER WEDGE (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
109 (11) STORM (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 9-0 ... N Carlisle –
110 (8) 5 VALIANT MAN 18 (J Rose) J Wharton 9-0 ... J Williams –
111 (7) IVA'S FLYER (Mrs I Winton) J Berry 8-9 ... W Carson –

BETTING: 7-2 General Shirley, 9-2 Make The Break, 5-1 Iva's Flyer, 11-2 Silver Wedge, 7-1 Valiant Man, 10-1 Baton Bleu, 14-1 Lively Stream, Storm. 16-1 others.

1992: PIPS PRIDE 9-0 W Carson (11-2) R Hannon 11 ran

2.45 STARK MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,377: 7f) (9 runners)

201 (5) 6-3 AQUADO 4 (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 4-9-10 ... N Carlisle 51
202 (4) 00- ICE STRIKE 186 (C Nelson) J Hills 4-9-10 ... J Williams –
203 (3) 2/5- WAINWRIGHT 224 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-10 ... M Roberts –
204 (2) 0/0- KINNEGAD KID 151 (Mrs M Morgan) R Ingram 4-9-5 ... R P Elliott –
205 (9) 2- FLASHFEET 218 (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-9 ... L Dettori
206 (7) HILARY GERRARD (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-9 ... P Robinson –
207 (8) 2- KHATTAT 183 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-9 ... W Carson 90
208 (1) NEGD (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-9 ... P D'Arcy –
209 (6) SO INTREPID (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-8-9 ... Paul Eddery –

BETTING: 6-4 Khattat, 2-1 Flashfeet, 4-1 Negd, 10-1 Hilary Gerrard, Wainwright, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.15 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (C4)
(3-Y-O: £4,667: 6f) (9 runners)

301 (6) 410- NABJELSEDR 154 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-7 ... W Carson 88
302 (9) 35230-1 GARNOCK VALLEY 14 (D,F) (R Aird) J Berry 9-3 ... Pat Eddery
303 (7) 42010-5 PRINCELY FAVOUR 14 (D,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-2 ... B Rouse 95
304 (4) 30345-3 FRIENDLY BRAVE 14 (BF) (T Mills) T Mills 8-13 ... N Gwilliams (5) 94
305 (2) 163110 DAANIERA 44 (B,D,F,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 8-11 ... J Quinn 89
306 (3) 205333- SECOND CHANCE 155 (S) (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 8-10 ... M Roberts 95
307 (8) 003-0 MURPHY'S HOPE 14 (D McCormick) M Heaton-Ellis 8-0 ... D Holland 96
308 (5) 003-4 TRINITY HALL 12 (S Starkey) C Horgan 7-11 ... S Dawson 86
309 (1) 403540- WALNUT BURL 168 (G Steinberg) L Holt 7-10 ... C Avery 98

BETTING: 5-2 Garnock Valley, 4-1 Nabjelsedr, 9-2 Princely Favour, 7-1 Murphy's Hope, Second Chance, 10-1 Daaniera, Friendly Brave, 14-1 Walnut Burl, 25-1 Trinity Hall.

1992: DOUBLE BLUE 8-4 M Roberts (5-2 fav) M Johnston 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

NABJELSEDR beat Sea Baron 1½l in 7-runner Goodwood (6f, good to soft) maiden with WALNUT BURL (25lb better off) 4l 4th and TRINITY HALL (24lb better off) over 8l last. GARNOCK VALLEY beat Gran Senorum 1½l in 10-runner Doncaster (6f, good to firm) maiden with FRIENDLY BRAVE (4lb better off) 2½l 3rd. PRINCELY FAVOUR over 10l 5th of 9 to Mr Butch in Doncaster (7f, good to firm) handicap. MURPHY'S HOPE best form when 5l 3rd of 9 to Southern Memories in Doncaster (6f, good) maiden. Selection: GARNOCK VALLEY

3.45 BONUSPRINT MASAKA CONDITIONS STAKES (C4)
(3-Y-O fillies: £9,662: 1m) (12 runners)

401 (3) 42121- WHITE SHADOW 204 (C,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 89
402 (2) 1124- BRIGHT GENERATION 196 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... A Munro 96
403 (4) 11-1421 GOLDEN KLAIR 33 (D) (C Hill) C Hill 8-11 ... R Cochrane 87
404 (7) 21633- HOLLY GOLIGHTLY 245 (F) (V Behrens) R Hannon 8-11 ... J Reid 88
405 (6) 1104- KATIBA 176 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 93
406 (10) 52514- NICER 168 (S) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland 66
407 (12) 132- AJFAN 196 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 ... R Hills
408 (5) 635205 EXPRESS MARIECURIE 11 (D,G) (Mrs A Sanders) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 T Sprake 69
409 (8) 1- FABRIANA 173 (S) (Mrs P Payne) T Naughton 8-9 ... T Quinn 70
410 (11) 513- HELVELLYN 197 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 ... M Roberts 87
411 (1) 41- RAPID REPEAT 180 (S) (Lord Harrington) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 70
412 (9) 3221- ZENITH 205 (D,F) (The Queen) I Balding 8-9 ... L Dettori 85

BETTING: 9-4 Ajfan, 4-1 Bright Generation, 11-2 Katiba, 8-1 Helvellyn, White Shadow, 14-1 Golden Klair, Nicer, 16-1 Holly Golightly, Rapid Retreat, 20-1 Zenith, 25-1 others.

1992: CLOUD OF DUST 8-9 T Quinn (6-1) J Dunlop 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITE SHADOW beat Yakin a neck in 6-runner listed race at Ayr (6f, soft). HOLLY GOLIGHTLY 2l 3rd of 8 to Mystic Goddess in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). KATIBA 3½l 4th of 7 to Yawl in group III Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). AJFAN 1½l 2nd of 8 to Ivanka in group I Fillies' Mile Stakes at Ascot (1m, soft) with BRIGHT GENERATION (2lb worse off) 4½l 4th. FABRIANA beat Domulla 2½l in 11-runner Folkestone (6f, soft) maiden. HELVELLYN 8l 3rd of 8 to Thawakib in Ascot (7f, soft) graduation race. RAPID REPEAT beat Ilhesses 2½l in 17-runner Leicester (7f, good to soft) maiden. ZENITH beat Seama 2½l in 13-runner Beverley (1m, good to firm) maiden. Earlier, 2l 2nd of 14 to Magique Rond Point in Goodwood (7f, good) maiden with NICER (2lb worse off) 6l 5th. Selection: AJFAN

4.15 CHATSWORTH RATED STAKES (C4)
(£6,256: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

501 (4) 26452/0 SONG OF SIXPENCE 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-9-7 ... J Reid 93
502 (7) 422112- UNFORGIVING MINUTE 165 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 94
503 (9) 581305- FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 235 (B) (P & S Lever Partners) P Mitchell 4-8-11 W Newnes 90
504 (6) 04210-0 MOONLIGHT QUEST 58 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 5-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 82
505 (5) 33054-3 SECRET SOCIETY 8 (D,F) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 6-8-11 ... R Cochrane 97
506 (8) 00000-1 NIGHT CLUBBING 14 (F,S) (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Akehurst 4-8-9 T Quinn
507 (2) 325010- CRYSTAL CROSS 170 (D,S) (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 4-8-7 ... L Dettori 94
508 (3) 421/5-31 BOOKCASE 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 6-8-7 ... J Williams 93
509 (1) 30143-2 FIRST BID 8 (D,F,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 6-8-7 ... J Fanning 98

BETTING: 7-2 Night Clubbing, 4-1 Bookcase, Secret Society, 6-1 Crystal Cross, 8-1 Unforgiving Minute, Flight Lieutenant, 12-1 Moonlight Quest, Song Of Sixpence, 20-1 First Bid.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

UNFORGIVING MINUTE neck 2nd of 7 to Majed in Redcar (1m 2f, heavy) handicap. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 12l 5th of 15 to Daru in York (1m 5f 194yd, good) handicap. MOONLIGHT QUEST beat Shadow Bird 1½l in 12-runner Leicester (1m 3f 183yd, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start last term. NIGHT CLUBBING beat Myfontaine ¾l in 9-runner Warwick (1m 2f 169yd, firm) handicap. CRYSTAL CROSS beat Simply-H 1½l in 9-runner Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start last season. BOOKCASE beat Bigwheel Bill short-head in 8-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with SECRET SOCIETY (4lb better off) ½l 3rd and SONG OF SIXPENCE (10lb better off) 6½l 7th. FIRST BID neck 2nd of 4 to Northern Graduate in Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) handicap. Selection: UNFORGIVING MINUTE

4.45 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £14,312: 1m) (7 runners)

601 (2) 5110- ARMAN'S SAX 187 (D,G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-0 ... L Dettori 84
602 (1) 11 KEYWAY 9 (D,G) (B Haggas) M Prescott 8-10 ... G Duffield 88
603 (4) 503214- LAW COMMISSION 165 (F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-10 ... J Williams 90
604 (7) 120212- RIGHT WIN 167 (G) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 8-10 ... J Reid
605 (3) 10- STAR MANAGER 182 (D,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 8-10 ... T Quinn 78
606 (6) 0-1 THUNDER RIVER 15 (F) (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 89
607 (5) 33- BARON FERDINAND 192 (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Charlton 8-6 R Cochrane 85

□ Trainer states Thunder River will not run if further rain

BETTING: 8-4 Right Win, 11-4 Law Commission, 6-1 Arman's Sax, Keyway, 8-1 Thunder River, 12-1 Baron Ferdinand, Star Manager.

1992: LUCKY LINDY 8-6 J Reid (3-1) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEYWAY completed double, beat Persian Gusher 7l in 5-runner Brighton (7f, good) stakes race. LAW COMMISSION 5¾l 4th of 24 to Pips Pride in valuable Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar (6f, heavy). Earlier 4l 2nd of 16 to Newton's Law in Salisbury (7f, soft) maiden with BARON FERDINAND (4lb better off) 2½l 3rd. RIGHT WIN 3½l 2nd of 14 to Pelder in Group 1 race at San Siro (1m, heavy) with ARMAN'S SAX well beaten behind. Previously beat Shalba 3½l in 8-runner Ascot (7f, good) graduation race. STAR MANAGER 11l 8th of 9 to Taos in listed race at Ascot (1m, good to soft). THUNDER RIVER beat Secret Aly neck in 11-runner Doncaster (7f, good to firm) maiden. Selection: RIGHT WIN (nap)

5.15 DURANTE HANDICAP (£3,728: 7f) (17 runners)

1 (9) 254000- TROOPING 161 (F) (N Grandfield) G Harwood 4-9-12 ... W Carson 91
2 (14) 042300 BOLD HABIT 7 (D,F,G) (M Baxter) J Pearce 8-9-9 ... R Cochrane 94
3 (11) 040065- SUPEROO 190 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Garner) J Sutcliffe 7-9-8 ... W Newnes 91
4 (13) 531324 INVOCATION 9 (D,F) (R Kiernan) A Moore 6-9-7 ... N Adams 90
5 (17) 3114-00 DASWAKI 14 (C,D,BF,F,S) (D Allen) G Moore 5-9-7 ... B Rouse 98
6 (10) 063000- PHARAOH'S DANCER 159 (G,S) (Pharaohs Computers) E Wheeler 6-9-6 M Roberts 88
7 (4) 251400- QUEEN OF SHANNON 161 (D,G,S) (Killoughery Family) D Morris 5-9-6 M Tebbutt 91
8 (6) 0000-50 WILD AND LOOSE 14 (G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-9-4 ... J Williams 91
9 (16) 010120- LAHOOB 172 (S) (Realclean Syndicate) B Hanbury 4-9-3 ... L Dettori 91
10 (15) 60600-0 DOMICKSKY 15 (D,F,G,S) (M Watson) M Channon 5-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 92
11 (2) 00340-6 HOPEFUL BID 8 (D,F) (N Capon) R Hannon 4-9-1 ... J Reid 91
12 (8) 0250-33 PRECIOUS WONDER 2 (D,S) (M Murray) P Butler 4-8-13 ... Pat Eddery 90
13 (12) 30040-0 SYLVAN SABRE 8 (V,F,S) (W Garthwaite) P Mitchell 4-8-12 ... G Duffield
14 (5) 320000- TENDER MOMENT 122 (D,S) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-8-12 ... A Munro 89
15 (1) 00000-0 RISE UP SINGING 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 5-8-11 ... J Quinn 94
16 (7) 120020 RURAL LAD 5 (D,S) (Vintage Racing) R Spicer 4-8-9 ... A Garth (5) 93
17 (3) 54/0- GLADEER 304 (Mrs T Mills) T Mills 4-8-8 ... N Gwilliams (5) –

BETTING: 11-2 Domicksky, 7-1 Daswaki, 8-1 Precious Wonder, 10-1 Pharaoh's Dancer, Wild And Loose, 12-1 Rise Up Singing, 14-1 Hopeful Bid, Superoo, 16-1 Trooping, Tender Moment, Invocation, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.45 STARK MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,348: 7f) (8 runners)

1 (4) 4040- CONCINNITY 175 (T Barnes) L Holt 4-9-10 ... J Reid –
2 (5) 0/3- EXCLUSION 345 (T Frost) H Candy 4-9-10 ... W Newnes –
3 (1) PRIVATE JET 67J (G Pasquill) J Fitch-Heyes 4-9-10 ... T Quinn –
4 (2) 6680-00 ROCK THE BARNEY 14 (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 4-9-10 ... B Rouse –
5 (6) 4- BOLD THATCHER 173 (Independents) P Harris 3-8-9 ... Paul Eddery –
6 (3) RITTO (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-9 ... M Roberts –
7 (8) 32- TWICE THE GROOM 309 (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery –
8 (7) YAQTHAN (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 ... R Hills –

BETTING: 9-4 Yaqthan, 11-4 Twice The Groom, 3-1 Ritto, 6-1 Exclusion, 7-1 Bold Thatcher, 16-1 Private Jet, 20-1 Concinnity, 25-1 Rock The Barney

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	7	27	25.9	Pat Eddery	37	178	20.8
R Charlton	9	42	21.4	W Carson	29	195	14.9
B Hanbury	7	36	19.4	A Munro	15	101	14.9
J Gosden	13	77	16.9	M Roberts	20	150	13.3
M Stoute	11	68	16.2	D Holland	5	38	13.2
J Berry	4	26	15.4	R Cochrane	19	167	11.4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

1.10: Crystal Spirit, fit from hurdling, will make his presence felt. **Jack Button**, another course winner, had Farsi back in fifth place when a close-up third behind the gambled-on Snow Board at Doncaster and can confirm the placings.

2.10: *Jimmy Coogan's* **Up And At 'Em** had Roger The Butler, Ansellman and Lord Olivier *behind when landing the Cornwallis Stakes in impressive style at Ascot in October, and the Irish raider* is reported to be in fine fettle. Roger The Butler may again *take second spot.*

2.40: **Sir Harry Hardman**, just beaten by the much-improved Branston Abby at Nottingham at the backend of last season, can gain an overdue success. *Michael* Bell's Adwick Park stayed on promisingly for fourth place behind Gorinsky at Doncaster and looks the danger.

KEMPTON PARK
C4

3.15: Garnock Valley won well for Jack Berry's in-form team at Doncaster on fast ground but, with the recent heavy showers, I prefer **Princely Favour**, who loves it soft and shaped nicely on his seasonal reappearance behind Mr Butch at the Lincoln meeting.

3.45: **Ajfan** *was an excellent second to Ivanka in last season's Fillies' Mile Stakes at the Ascot festival and can regain winning form at the expense of Helvellyn.*

4.15: Night Clubbing stayed on gamely for his Warwick victory. Bookcase beat **Secret Society** just over half-a-length into third place at Kempton recently, but the latter can take his revenge on 4lb better terms.

4.45: Right Win *was a model of consistency last term but* **Law Commission**, a creditable fourth in the Racecall Gold Trophy from an unfavourable draw, is just preferred.

Dick Hinder

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.15 Touching Star. 2.45 Celcius. 3.15 Skipping Tim. 3.45 Ess El Ar. 4.15 Pintail Bay. 4.45 Major Bush. 5.15 Olveston.

GOING: SOFT

2.15 HACCOMBE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,775: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 -112 ITS NEARLY TIME 49 (BF,D,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 2532 TOUCHING STAR 11 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-6 M Hourigan (3)
3 1222 FRED SPLENDID 9 (CD,S) R Hodges 10-10-0 ... W Irvine
4 3FP0 BENJAMIN LANCASTER 95 (S) T Hallett 9-10-0 ... N Downs (7)

1-2 Its Nearly Time, 4-1 Touching Star, 6-1 Fred Splendid, 8-1 other.

2.45 DARTMOOR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,810: 2m 6f) (18)

1 4050 LESBET 25 (D,F) C Widman 8-11-11 ... V Slattery (5)
2 P402 CELCIUS 17 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-11-10 ... J Lower
3 R0/R TARODGAN'S BEST 9 (F,G,S) R Simpson 13-11-2 ... –
4 8043 MARCH ABOVE 24 (B,G) B Stevens 7-10-11 ... M Stevens (7)
5 P4P3 RAMLOSA 22 D Barons 9-10-8 ... R Davis (5)
6 3P64 MIRAMAC 35 (D,F,G,S) R Frost 12-10-6 ... J Frost
7 1-53 AL SAHIL 60 (B,BF,C,G) J White 8-10-6 ... B Clifford
8 0200 DUCKHAVEN 52 (B,C,D,G,S) R Baker 10-10-6 ... W Irvine
9 B5PU JUDYS LINE 24 (C,S) Miss S Waterman 9-10-5 Mr N Moore (7)
10 0000 CHAMPAGNE RUN 51 (D,F,G) L Cottrell 8-10-4 ... D Salter (7)
11 3/3- DRESS UP 614 N Ayliffe 9-10-0 ... E Tierney
12 -004 DOMINION TREASURE 35 (C,G,S) R Baker 8-10-0 ... G Upton
13 5UP4 CEDARS ROSSLARE 15 R Frost 8-10-0 ... R Darke (7)
14 2251 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 3 (G) D Wintle 5-10-0 (7ex) P McDermott
15 PP/P BLACKGUARD 10 (B,F) R Manning 7-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
16 0066 YANBU 24 (C,F,S) J Taplin 8-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3)
17 5800 FORCELLO 51 (G,S) F Hollis 10-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
18 -660 JET 17 (B) C Popham 7-10-0 ... A Webb

4-1 Dominion Treasure, 9-2 Celcius, 11-2 Champagne Run, 6-1 Al Sahil, 8-1 It's Not My Fault, 10-1 Duckhaven, 14-1 Lesbet, 16-1 March Above, 20-1 others.

3.15 PLYMOUTH SOUND RADIO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,246: 3m 2f 110yd) (8)

1 4020 JUST SO 49 (S) H Cole 10-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 -444 ROYAL BATTERY 146 (D,G,S) D Barons 10-11-6 ... J Frost
3 -11F MIDNIGHT CALLER 99 (BF,S) S Sherwood 7-10-10 ... G Bradley
4 4111 SKIPPING TIM 18 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-10-9 ... J Lower
5 5SP- BORDER ARCHER 386 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 9-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3)
6 0-04 SKERRY MEADOW 17 (CD,F,G) O Carter 9-10-0 ... D Salter (7)
7 P-PP ROSE LANCASTER 19 (D,G) T Hallett 10-10-0 ... N Downs (7)
8 36PP WIN ELECTRIC 10 Mrs R Henderson 7-10-0 ... Mr W Henderson

9-4 Skipping Tim, 5-2 Midnight Caller, 3-1 Just So, 6-1 Royal Battery, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 122 winners from 352 runners, 34.7%; C Brooks, 7 from 27, 25.9%; P Hobbs, 26 from 112, 23.2%; O Carter, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Barons, 18 from 129, 14.0%; Mrs J Retter, 11 from 83, 13.3.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 10 winners from 38 rides, 26.3%; B M Clifford, 9 from 48, 18.8%; S Mackey, 4 from 22, 18.2%; G Bradley, 4 from 23, 17.4%; A Webb, 9 from 63, 14.3%, M Hourigan, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

3.45 MILE END MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,776: 2m 1f) (11)

1 BANG ON TARGET A Jarvis 5-11-7 ... T Jarvis
2 45 DEL TOBOSO 172 J White 5-11-7 ... B Clifford
3 4F VISION OF FREEDOM 31 W Reed 5-11-7 ... D Salter (7)
4 000- WRITTEN AGREEMENT 44F R Peacock 5-11-7 ... M Bosley
5 0406 DAVES DELIGHT 51 Miss S Waterman 7-11-2 Mr C Bonner (7)
6 0210 ESS EL AR 24 M Pipe 5-11-2 ... J Lower
7 0 JR'S PET 15 D Barons 6-11-2 ... R Davis (5)
8 KINDLY LADY 563F Mrs J Retter 5-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 04 PRECIS 17 O Carter 5-11-2 ... G Bradley
10 P/ SOUTH BAR 1131 R Frost 8-11-2 ... J Frost
11 0460 STAPLEFORD LADY 10 R Manning 5-11-2 ... D Leahy (5)

Evens Ess El Ar, 4-1 Precis, 6-1 Del Toboso, 10-1 Kindly Lady, 12-1 Vision Of Freedom, 14-1 Stapleford Lady, 16-1 others.

4.15 DEVON AIR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,589: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 F13U RAFIKI 35 (D,S) Mrs J Retter 8-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 -P06 COUNTERPUNCH 7 A Forte 9-11-2 ... Mr M Smith
3 -00P GALAGAMES 59 (B) R Buckler 6-11-2 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
4 33PP HAMPER 24 (B,G,S) N Mitchell 10-11-2 ... D Skyrme
5 6226 OK RECORDS 14 O O'Neill 6-11-2 ... V Slattery (3)
6 0-PP ONLY IN IRELAND 44 P Nicholls 7-11-2 ... G Upton
7 -3F5 PINTAIL BAY 22 (B,F) C Brooks 7-11-2 ... G Bradley
8 540P FREE EXPRESSION 7 Mrs E Brooks 8-10-11 ... N Hawke
9 OTTER MILL O Carter 5-10-9 ... R Darke (7)

6-4 Rafiki, 7-4 Pintail Bay, 6-1 OK Records, 8-1 Hamper, 12-1 Free Expression, 14-1 others.

4.45 MILE END MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,768: 2m 1f) (10)

1 P300 COBB GATE 15 B Stevens 5-11-7 ... M Stevens (7)
2 P0P- COLVIN LAD 333 C Popham 6-11-7 ... A Webb
3 00-5 LIBERTY JAMES 30 Mrs E Brooks 6-11-7 ... N Hawke
4 0/0 MAHATMACOAT 14 Mrs J Retter 6-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 0602 MAJOR BUSH 33 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-7 ... M Pitman
6 0P PERSIAN WOLF 14 O O'Neill 5-11-7 ... V Slattery (5)
7 00 TINKER DAN 30 P Jones 5-11-7 ... D Leahy (5)
8 0400 MISHY'S STAR 17 (B) A Forte 11-11-2 ... Tanya Braybrook (7)
9 32P5 PRUDENT PEGGY 14 R Frost 6-11-2 ... J Frost
10 ROYAL HONEY BEE P Wakely 5-11-2 ... Mr L Jefford (7)

6-4 Prudent Peggy, 7-4 Major Bush, 6-1 Cobb Gate, 10-1 Liberty James, 12-1 Mahatmacoat, 16-1 others.

5.15 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap hurdle: £2,801: 2m 1f) (10)

1 3415 OLVESTON 30 (C,F,B,S) P Nicholls 9-11-10 ... G Bradley
2 3112 MRS JAWLEYFORD 17F (D,S) C Smith 5-11-7 ... M Ranger
3 F/I CRYSTAL COMET 870 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 5221 NOVA SPIRIT 17 (C,F,S) M Saunders 5-10-9 ... S Mackey
5 4150 ALOSAILI 24 (D,G) B Stevens 5-10-4 ... M Stevens (7)
6 0150 EXACT ANALYSIS 30 (CD,S) N Mitchell 7-10-0 ... G Upton
7 144/ STEVEYVUL 705 O O'Neill 9-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
8 1050 PUNCHBAG 47 (CD,S) G Ham 7-10-0 ... R Davis (5)
9 1042 THE MINDER 24 (D,S) G Edwards 6-10-0 ... D Salter (7)
10 -508 CHARCOAL BURNER 33 (C,S) R Callow 8-10-0 ... W Irvine

9-4 Olveston, 3-1 Mrs Jawleyford, 4-1 Nova Spirit, 10-1 Exact Analysis, 12-1 Crystal Comet, Punchbag, 14-1 Alosaili, The Minder, 16-1 others.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.30 Absent Relative. 3.00 Fight To Win. 3.30 Miliyel. 4.00 OK Corral. 4.30 Second Call. 5.00 Material Girl.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.30 MID-SUSSEX TIMES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,933: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 F131 MENEBUCK 19 (C,G) Lady Herries 7-11-10 ... Mr Andrew Lillingston (7)
2 1311 ABSENT RELATIVE 8F (F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-11-8 ... A Maguire
3 150- FANLIGHT 155F (S) A Moore 5-10-6 ... J Clarke (7)
4 2541 JOKER JACK 38 (F,S) R Dean 8-10-0 ... A Procter (5)
5 0003 PRESENT TIMES 7F (F,G,S) A Moore 7-10-0 ... G Moore
6 0P03 MERANDI SPECIAL 15 (F) R Stone 5-10-0 ... Leesa Long (7)

6-4 Absent Relative, 5-2 Menebuck, 7-2 Joker Jack, 10-1 Fanlight, 12-1 Present Times, 20-1 Merandi Special.

3.00 DRONES RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE
(£1,618: 2m 5f) (9)

1 22P3 FIGHTING DAYS 19 (CD,F) A Moore 7-11-8 ... G Moore
2 PFP1 RIVER FLY 26 (CD,F) J White 8-11-8 ... A Maguire
3 F05U ELWADI 22 (B) R Hoad 6-11-2 ... M Hoad
4 -PP0 RINGYBOY 52 (G,S) J Bennett 8-11-2 ... S Barrough
5 0/0- SPARTAN MAGIC 525 R Voorspuy 8-11-2 ... A Tory
6 F366 TITUS ANDRONICUS 21 (B) N Gaselee 6-11-2 ... M Hazell
7 2613 FIGHT TO WIN 21 (V,D,F,G) I Balding 5-11-0 ... M Perrett
8 50-U APRIL'S BABY 74 Miss C Carne 9-10-11 ... P Holley
9 2P32 MILLIE BELLE 18 (B,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-11 ... D Morris

8-13 Fight To Win, 9-2 River Fly, 7-1 Millie Belle, 12-1 Fighting Days, 20-1 Titus Andronicus, 33-1 others.

3.30 SUSSEX EXPRESS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,381: 2m 1f) (13)

1 2121 MILIYEL 11F (D,G) Miss Gay Kelleway 4-11-10 ... M Foster
2 2423 MASROUG 36 A Moore 6-11-2 ... G Moore
3 3386 YAAFOOR 18 P Hedger 4-10-13 ... W McFarland
4 31/ MEESON CODE 831 (C,B) R Champion 6-10-13 ... P Hide (5)
5 3F65 LADY BUNTING 38 R Voorspuy 8-10-9 ... A Tory
6 4030 QUALITAIR MEMORY 30 (S) J Akehurst 4-10-7 J McCarthy (5)
7 3180 KING OF NORMANDY 18 (S) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-4 ... D Morris
8 05-P GRAVITATE 18 R Stronge 5-10-3 ... M Perrett
9 04P0 GREEN'S TRILOGY 51 R Clutterbuck 5-10-1 ... A Wingate (7)
10 6061 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 19 (V,CD,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 ... A Maguire
11 600P ARISTOCRATIC PETER 95 (B) O Browning 6-10-0 ... J Akehurst
12 P051 LADY POLY 18 R Stone 5-10-0 ... Leesa Long (7)
13 UU50 FISIANNA 18 Mrs M Long 4-10-0 ... R Rowell

5-2 Miliyel, 9-2 Trendy Auctioneer, 5-1 Lady Bunting, 8-1 Qualitair Memory, Masroug, 10-1 Yaafoor, 12-1 King Of Normandy, 14-1 others.

4.00 ABERGAVENNY CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £2,092: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 2613 OK CORRAL 11 (BF,CD,F,G,S) J White 6-11-10 ... A Maguire
2 3-SPP RICH REMORSE 39 (F,S) R Curtis 14-11-5 ... D Morris
3 P240 BEAU CHARM 51 (G,S) J Gifford 9-11-0 ... P Hide (5)
4 152P HEYFLEET 19 (B,C,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-12 ... W McFarland
5 225P SECRET RITE 52 (G,S) J Gifford 10-10-6 ... E Murphy
6 P463 RHODE ISLAND RED 21 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 10-10-0 ... G Moore

6-4 OK Corral, 7-2 Beau Charm, 4-1 Heyfleet, 8-1 Rhode Island Red, 10-1 Secret Rite, 16-1 Rich Remorse.

4.30 LYNN FOUNDATION NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,636: 2m 1f) (16)

1 /2361 MEL'S ROSE 40 (CD,G) J Scargill 8-11-7 ... J Driscoll (7)
2 3U13 SURE PRIDE 36 (F) A Moore 5-11-7 ... G Moore
3 0415 SECOND CALL 14 (D,F,S) G Harwood 4-11-3 ... M Perrett
4 5 ANTAGONIST 14 R Stronge 6-11-0 ... A Charlton
5 5 COLONEL FAIRFAX 140 R Hoad 5-11-0 ... M Hoad
6 /30- RISING DEXY 476 J White 8-11-0 ... K Comerford (7)
7 /00 SKIPPERS QUAY 143 G Pritchard-Gordon 6-11-0 ... V Smith
8 606P SLIPPERTON 10 O Sherwood 6-11-0 ... Mr J Durkan
9 STAR HILL 984F J Poulton 6-11-0 ... R Rowell
10 3434 YIMKIN BOOKRA 40 (B,BF) W Muir 5-11-0 ... W McFarland
11 ALL THE JOLLY 584F Miss C Carne 5-10-9 ... P Hide (5)
12 004 CORAL PINK 28 K Bailey 6-10-9 ... A Tory
13 6 FLORALIA 17 D Gandolfo 5-10-9 ... P Holley
14 U400 LER CRU 82 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-8 ... D Morris
15 2 LITTLE NOD 30 J White 4-10-8 ... A Maguire
16 5232 MAJOR'S LAW 31 (BF) I Campbell 4-10-8 ... R Campbell

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3 305P MISS FERN 18 (C,F,G,S) R Dickin 8-11-0 ... Martin Jones
4 P015 GLADTOGETIT 35 (B,G) D Gandolfo 7-11-0 ... P Holley
5 3522 OWEN 19 (F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-8 ... A Maguire
6 U-F0 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 58 R Rowe 8-10-0 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)

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TRAINERS: C Egerton, 5 winners from 6 runners, 83.3%; Lady Herries, 5 from 10, 50.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 15 from 40, 37.5%, R Champion, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J White, 29 from 116, 25.0%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 3 from 14, 21.4%; O Sherwood, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 20 winners from 72 rides, 27.8%, M Perrett, 14 from 83, 16.9%; A Tory, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

□ The Jockey Club's investigation into the Grand National began in London yesterday. The three-man committee of inquiry is believed to have drawn up a short list of witnesses whom it will question at Aintree on April 19.

Upson intends to saddle Zeta's Lad

JOHN Upson, despite recent threats, will saddle Zeta's Lad in the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Monday.

Heat-of-the-moment comments about Ireland, made in the aftermath of last Saturday's Grand National, provoked a stream of complaints — including promises to harm both Upson and Zeta's Lad if they set foot in the country.

But Upson, a keen supporter of Irish racing, has decided to brave the abuse hoping that the storm he unintentionally stirred up has abated.

He said yesterday: "I have been inundated with dozens of letters of support from Ireland. I will be going. If anyone seriously meant to harm me then they will find me wherever I am."

Zeta's Lad is one of five runners hoping for consolation after the Aintree shambles.

Zeta's Lad is 6lb worse off with Royal Athlete, who fell at the tenth at Aintree. The others who turn out again are The Gooser, a faller at the 21st, plus The Committee and Laura's Beau, who finished fourth and seventh respectively in the void race.

Cheltenham Gold Cup runner-up Rushing Wild leads a British challenge which also includes Sibton Abbey and Cool Ground.

□ Today's meeting at the Curragh has been cancelled due to heavy rain making parts of the course waterlogged.

Racing next week

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WEDNESDAY: Newmarket, Pontefract, Worcester.
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Names on first round leader board of the Masters are familiar but surprising

Old master Jack still the boldest swinger in town



David Miller sees golf's great evergreen, Jack Nicklaus, roll away the years at Augusta

It has been done a few *times too often. I wrote* one of those caring but too smart sun-goes-down-on-Nicklaus pieces. That was at the British Open at Sandwich eight years ago. The next year, he won the Masters for the sixth time.

Jack Nicklaus has astounded everyone, not just the golfing world, with his five-*under-par 67, at the age of 53*, for the joint lead on the first day of the present Masters tournament. Yet the beauty of golf is that it is a game for all ages. On the same day, Gary Player, aged 57, hit 71, and Arnold Palmer a 74 at a *sprightly 63. Raymond Floyd*, at 50, was tied second on 68.

Tom Galloway, an 82-year-*old Englishman, who is still* playing the British Seniors Championship, last year swam 20 lengths of the Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh as preparation for the *first day*, and was disappointed that his 60-year-old playing partners were reluctant to go out on a day blowing half a gale.

Sam Snead, who won three Masters in the early post-war years, is now 80. Two years ago, he won the pre-tournament par-three nine-hole *event here in a four-way tie.* He is the oldest to have won a US tour title, at nearly 53, the Greater Greensboro Open in 1965; and was the first ever to shoot his age at the age of 67 in the Quad Cities Open.

Golfers often mature in their 30s. Ben Hogan, who dominated the scene with Snead until Palmer swept them aside, won his first US Open at the age of 36, and three years ago, Hale Irwin did so at a ripe 45. Floyd, who had such a tussle here last year with Fred Couples when 49, shares with Snead the distinction of winning PGA events over four decades; and is the only man to have won *PGA and Senior tournaments* in the same year. Yet Floyd had his first tournament win at 20.

The main reason for endur*ance at the top is simple to* see. Golf is the only major sport in which performers compete at a walk. They do not need the oxygen replenishment from the body's major engines of lungs and heart. Putting, without which *nobody can succeed, is con*ducted at a standstill, and this skill has never deserted Nicklaus, even when other strokes were troubling him.

Equally relevant is that so much of golf is played in the mind. The longer your experi*ence, the less you are likely to* be frightened by the unexpected hazard. The older players *have seen it all before, and* their maturity endlessly grows like that of sailors. Francis Chichester and Alec Rose were respectively 66 and 60 at the time of their solo circumnavigations.

Snead testifies to the con*centration of Nicklaus when* playing together in Nicklaus's early days. Snead would ask the younger man if he had not been bothered by some particular clicking camera. "What camera?", Nicklaus would say. Snead *liked to repeat the story*, replacing camera with "the rabbit that ran between Jack's legs".

Nicklaus's performance is *the more remarkable, even by* his standards, because last year saw the worst of his 31 seasons. He missed the cut in three of the four majors, and suffered his worst Masters, finishing 42nd.

A week or two ago, Gary *Player had volunteered the* opinion that Nicklaus and Floyd should "quit knocking their heads against the wall, and realise their place is the Senior tour." Nicklaus's response was that he was not quitting yet, not while the *ambition remained to be the* best he can be.

"I've tried to be a ceremonial golfer, and I just can't do it," Nicklaus reflected. The *emotion of being a great* player is something visceral, impossible to define. What made Palmer hit clean through a bush you could not see through on the way to victory in the British Open at Troon in 1962?

That radical mood does not dilute with the years. Asked how he felt a week ago, Palmer replied that he *still* believed that he could win at Augusta. Unrealistic, maybe, but conceding nothing. When he came to the 18th, here in 1961, middled on the fairway and needing par to beat Player, he went for the birdie *... and took six. An iron*worker going to work, except he plays golf, they used to say.

To combat a hip problem, Nicklaus and his physical fitness adviser last year embarked upon a weight-training programme. It made *things worse. Realising it was* not upper body strength he needed, they changed tack in October, looking for more hip flexibility and a reduction in body weight. The sciatica eased.

Analysing his "veterans" *game, Nicklaus thought that* whereas Hogan and Snead had maintained control of their game in later years between tee and green, they had not been able to get the ball in the hole. His problem was the reverse, he reflected. *He needed to control more* his drives and long irons. The rest would come. Including the Masters of 1986, he has only won three tournaments *in 12 years.*

His motivation in 1986 came from a dismissive article that he pasted on to the door of the refrigerator. Asked whether he had such an incentive on the door this year, he said: "I probably *wasn't even worth an article* at all."

It was too much to hope that Palmer's early charge would survive, and he had an *unhappy second round*, sliding to 78 for a two-round total of 152.

LENNY IGNELZI



Charging back: Nicklaus celebrates a birdie as he soars to the top of the leader board on Thursday







Winning ways: Nicklaus with the Open Championship trophy he won in 1966, left, jubilant after winning the Masters in 1975, centre, and receiving his sixth green jacket in 1986

Wasps on course to salvage season with cup

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IF THEY are to make anything of a season which has promised *so much*, Wasps must reach the final of the Pilkington Cup. The smouldering resentment the club still feels over the critical league match with Bath a month ago will add to the determination which comes *automatically when, as in the* cup semi-final at Sudbury today, the opposition is provided by Harlequins.

Not all would agree with Wasps' understandable assessment that, but for the harsh dismissal of Fran Clough, *their centre*, at Bath, the league title would even now be bound for Sudbury. That it was a factor in their only league defeat this season is without doubt, so now — barring an upset on the final league weekend of the season *— their target is the cup.*

The pretensions of Leicester and Northampton to the league title have been more tenuous, but their cup semi-final at Welford Road will be of heroic proportions. A crowd of more than 16,000 is al*ready guaranteed and, for the* first time in the competition's history outside Twickenham, BBC television cameras will broadcast the entire game.

The match is a replay of the league encounter in January which saw Leicester claw back *to win 13-12 with the last kick.* "If we learned anything from that, it was to take our scoring chances," Barrie Corless, the Northampton coaching ad*ministrator, said.*

At the heart of it all will be the respective No. 8s, Dean Richards and Wayne Shelford. The former New Zealand captain has brought immense credibility to Northampton — what they call *mana in his homeland — and* since he missed the 1991 cup final, a Twickenham appearance would be an appropriate climax for Shelford in his last season. The match, though, for which Northampton are without Ian Hunter, the in*jured England wing, may turn* at half back.

Of the four semi-finalists, Wasps have had the hardest cup run. Two of their three *opponents have been from the* first division and they have not beaten Harlequins in three cup meetings. But injury and illness have removed Will Carling, Mike Wedderburn and Richard Langhorn, leaving Harlequins with a back division whose average age is 23 and Wasps favoured to reach their third final.

Wasps won the league meeting 15-13 in September and, *though without Dean Ryan*, their captain, have been consistency itself. Ryan has had a split cartilage removed and should be fit for the final league match, on April 24.

LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, S Potter, I Bates, R Underwood; J Hams, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.

NORTHAMPTON: J Steele; N Beal, F Packman, R MacNaughton, H Thorneycroft, S Tubb, M Dawson; S Baldwin, J Oliver, G Pearce, P Walton, J Etheridge, M Bayfield, T Rodber, W Shelford.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, G Childs, F Clough, C Ott; R Andrew, S Bates; G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, F Emeruwa, R Kinsey, M Greenwood, M White, C Wilkins.

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; J Alexander, M Evans, G Thompson, C Madderson; P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, S Dear, P Winterbottom, C Sheasby
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

England selectors have anxious wait

By David Hands

ENGLAND'S selectors will spend today with their fingers crossed in the hope that the four members of their sevens squad engaged in today's cup semi-finals emerge intact for the Rugby World Cup tournament at Murrayfield next week.

Tim Rodber, Matthew Dawson and Nick Beal, all of Northampton, and Chris Sheasby, of Harlequins, will join their colleagues in Edinburgh on Monday to begin preparations for the sevens, which start on Friday.

They will gather en route in Hartlepool, where tomorrow an England XV, drawn *principally from next month's tour* party to Canada, plays an R F *Oakes XV in Hartlepool* Rovers' traditional Easter offering.

Gloucester, relieved to have thrown off relegation fears, enjoy an attractive game with Treviso at Kingsholm today where the Italian club hope to field both their overseas celebrities — Michael Lynagh, of Australia, and John Kirwan, of New Zealand. Gloucester will be without their centre, *Damian Cummins, who has* damaged knee ligaments.

There is speculation that a New Zealander may become Gloucester's first paid director of coaching after Peter Ford, their chairman, paid a flying visit to that country earlier this *month. The club hopes to* make an announcement next month, after which their present coach, Keith Richardson, will decide on his role in Gloucester's affairs.

Holidaymakers in Wales this weekend may choose between the festive and the fierce — that is, the Barbarians as opposed to the Heineken League. *Cardiff*, the Barbarians' opponents, will be well below strength with many *players attending the wedding* of Andy Moore, their scrum-half.

Swansea will retain their league title if they can resist Llanelli's challenge, but they are in desperate straits for their scheduled game with Pontypridd. An influenza bug has swept through the squad and yesterday Swansea were *making attempts to have the* game postponed.

Coaches prove law of adapt and thrive

Tony Russ, the director of coaching at Leicester, finds a link between the successful sides and those welcoming change

THE most contentious of the changes in the laws of rugby union this season has been the experimental ruck-maul law, which puts the onus on the team taking the ball into contact to retain possession and use it, rather than awarding the next scrum feed to the team going forward at the breakdown.

A survey in the latest edition of *Rugby World and Post* shows that the coaches of three of today's Pilkington Cup semi-finalists — Leicester, Northampton and Wasps — are in favour of the new laws, while the fourth, Bob Templeton at Harlequins, though more diffident, is an inventive coach who gets to grips with what the law demands. Bath, the likely league *winners, are also in favour.*

Among those against are the coaches of West Hartlepool, *London Scottish*, Saracens and Orrell, all of whom have struggled this season. There is a clear correlation between the attitude of the coach and the success of the team. I do not accept that the structured game is now impossible. What we have instead is a different kind of structure.

But there is little evidence *that the strategic review neces*sary has taken place. Rather, coaches have failed to embrace the philosophy of the law changes or to develop tactics to take advantage of them. My belief is that we have become over-concerned about a change which does not dictate how the game is played but how well it is played, and how well it is refereed.

I see nothing wrong in a law which demands better techniques and higher skill levels to avoid turnovers, though I *do worry that defending play*ers who cheat in order to prevent release of the ball are not always penalised. This is a pity because it does bring the law into disrepute. Players still dive over the ball after a tackle but not all referees concentrate sufficiently on this point.

My statistics this season show the bulk of our scrums and lineouts taking place between halfway and our opponents' 22-metre line. We need, *then, to work on attacking* ploys from further out because this is where we get most of our ball and it is a shame to *kick it all away; teams must* decide their prime attacking zones according to their strengths and clearly identify a communication system so that support is organised and immediate.

The key man is the open*side flanker, who must* be adept at the various linking roles involved and, in particular, the art of lifting the ball from the ground after a tackle while remaining on his feet. It must also be recognised that the maul rather than the ruck has become predominant.

It is no accident that the leading teams have worked hard at the development of the driving maul in order to pull *defenders in before releasing* the ball. The aim is to produce an "exploding" maul, whereby the players probe for weakness at the fringes and then explode like a grenade, throwing shrapnel in all directions.

Our first objective must be to *score, our second to achieve* the put-in at the next scrum or lineout. This can probably be achieved, almost literally, by giving the ball to the opposition in a position where they can do nothing with it. For example, why pass back to the stand-off half when a kick from scrum half chased by players a yard behind him *puts the catcher under pres*sure? I have even heard it suggested that the ball be handed to an opponent before wrapping him up as a method of achieving the objective!

There is little wrong with the laws, provided coaches and referees accept the philosophy implicit in them and set about making them work. The only effective change has been to emphasise that if your technique is not good enough, you lose the ball. That has always been the case with passing and kicking, scrums *and lineouts. Why should* rucking and mauling be any different?



Templeton: inventive

Griffiths and Evans to bury hatchet

By a Special Correspondent

THE potentially explosive meeting between Denis Evans, the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), and Glanmor Griffiths, who has *recently returned as treasurer*, will take place on Tuesday.

Griffiths has complained all week of being frozen out from the union, despite being re-elected at the special general meeting last Sunday, but a meeting between the union's two trustees and Griffiths yesterday has paved the way for the two to resume a working *relationship.*

"We had a successful meeting with Mr Griffiths and we *are now in total agreement* that the three of us will together oversee the running of the union until the time that the new general committee is in place, on May 20," Graham Tregidon, a trustee, said.

"In the confusion that followed the meeting last weekend, we read the situation in different ways. We all *now know the way we are going.* If it's the feeling of the clubs that *it should be the three of us* — Hermas Evans, Glanmor Griffiths and myself — running the union until May 20, *then so be it.*"

Earlier in the week, Tregidon, the deposed president, claimed that it was the two trustees who had been empowered to take over the affairs of the WRU in the short term. The clubs, who voted 280-128 to re-elect *Griffiths as* treasurer, saw that as a move to freeze out the treasurer.

That feeling came to a head on Thursday when Tregidon was told to leave a meeting of the Heineken League management committee, which he was due to chair in his capacity as a trustee.

"We are going through difficult times and all I *am* trying to do is keep going as much union business as possible," Tregidon said. "At the meeting, I was told I had no mandate to act as chairman and *I was asked* to leave. I asked all six members of the committee if that was what *they wished* and I then left."

Denis Evans said that he would be prepared to work with Griffiths, despite their difficulties in the past.

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Football's power proves undiminished



Rob Hughes examines England's standing in a game that continues to develop apace across the world

The past month, in which I have travelled 30,000 miles on duty, has brought home the global nature of the game we invented as well as the standards we must live up to.

On the credit side, England's performance in Izmir, and Rangers' in Marseilles, showed that the old countries have nothing to learn about fighting resilience. But the greater imagination and flair of Ghanaians and Brazilians at the World Youth Cup in Australia made them seem almost like different species, men who have taken up our ball and run away with it.

On a stopover in Zurich, the Fifa chief executive, Sepp Blatter, explained that Britain retains respect for the basic honesty with which we play, but the rules have to change to protect the innocence of a game that the coaches and financial barons would corrupt.

Not so much a back-pass as a backslide towards times when it was a sport, not a business. A throwback indeed came at Wembley with Chris Waddle's half-hour a grown child at play, a winger with the courage and ability to entertain, a magician weaving spells.

At Norwich, a neat little club that for so long had the temerity to live so high and with such style among the elite, came a devastating eight-minute reminder of Manchester United's cavalier reputation. The old style, but new pace, and a new cosmopolitan team: Cantona stroked the passes for Sharpe of England, Giggs of Wales, McClair of Scotland and Kanchelskis of the Ukraine to sprint on to.

United are one of those English teams that has inspired continents to play the game. New powers are still learning: the United States will stage the next World Cup, and Japan is so intent on following suit in 2002 that its industrial giants are pumping yen into the J League that starts in May.

The Japanese tell us they are aware that people who cannot speak to one another, who choose not to trade, find common purpose on the playing field. And despite its vulnerability to the lawlessness of our times, this new football nation is ready to break down the barriers. And where will England be at the turn of the century? Many in Asia and Africa feel that the World Youth Cup suggests that the old country is being overtaken.

They know that had the shot from Bart-Williams gone under instead of against the crossbar, it might have been England rather than Ghana that reached the final. But slender are the margins: David Burnside, the manager of that team, which came third, has been dismissed. Charles Hughes, the FA director of coaching who watched the matches by video, has publicly disowned the tactics.

And from Ghana itself we read the importance of their victory. The *People's Daily Graphic* carried a front page exhortation from the Republic's president, Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah. On the day of the match against England, the newspaper suggested: "It is of historical significance, the first time Ghana is playing against England in any football competition. England may be far from the world's most powerful soccer nation, but she remains the biggest allure, the old master struggling to keep pace with a bunch of marauding young fortune-seekers."

That esteem for England's past could be mirrored in many of the 178 countries affiliated to Fifa. The feeling for the game was demonstrated during last Wednesday's European cup games when Boris Yeltsin returned from his summit in Vancouver straight to the Lenin Stadium to cheer on Moscow Spartak. And that night, the night of such a magnificent goal by Ian Durrant, of Scotland, was also memorable because Milan chose to put side by side a Croat, Boban, and a Montenegran, Savicevic, players whose people are fighting back home.

All in all, the game is held as one that can transcend the differences of people. Its values change, but the addiction will outlast those who wait for it to destroy itself.

Wimbledon seen at their best

Wimbledon	4
Crystal Palace	0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SAM Hammam, the Wimbledon chairman, listed nine reasons in the match programme why his club should not feel inferior to Crystal Palace, its landlords. He forgot to mention that it has a better Premier League side, period.

At Selhurst Park yesterday, Wimbledon demonstrated they *can* play football — without four suspended regulars and on a puddle of a pitch. When not revelling in their own notoriety, they play with a confidence and self-belief that can be impossible to stem.

It has frustrated and infuriated better opponents than Palace, and, when allied with four superbly crafted and executed goals, the only response is the white flag of surrender. Palace waved it long before the end; they had no other answer. "I'm glad it was on television, so everyone could see just how we can play," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said.

Fashanu's absence, alongside Jones, McAllister, and Elkins, did Wimbledon more favours than they might have imagined. Though an inspirational figure, Wimbledon feel almost duty bound to belt their possession in Fashanu's direction, and hope to pick up the pieces.

Without him, a new vista opens up. Short balls for the wily Holdsworth to lay off, long balls for the willing Dobbs to chase, penetrating passes for Clarke to gallop on to.

Palace, without the suspended Armstrong and Young, too, were already struggling to work out a counter-active ploy when they were breached twice midway through the first half. Holdsworth's raking cross-field ball set up the first, with Ardley supplying the cross, and Earle heading in unchallenged at the far post.

Ardley was again the provider for the second, taking advantage of the space afforded him on the right flank. His centre tempted Martyn into a mad rush and fumble, and Holdsworth tidied up the debris.

Holdsworth pounced again two minutes into the second half, finishing off Clarke's twisting run with his seventeenth goal of the season, and ninth in seven matches. Three more, and Hammam, as promised, will have to commission a full-scale bronze statue of the much appreciated former Brentford striker.

"I've recommended Dean to the England manager, Graham Taylor, along with Earle and John Scales," Kinnear said. "He's been down here to see them a few times as well but for some reason doesn't seem to want to pick them. It's a bit of a mystery but I suppose, once again, it's got something to do with the fact they play for Wimbledon."

Earle added a fourth from a Dobbs's cross, leaving Palace's unbeaten six-match league run in tatters, and the prospect of relegation from the Premier League all too real.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, W Barton, L Sanchez, J Scales, S Fitzgerald, N Ardley, R Earle, G Dobbs, D Holdsworth (sub: P Miller), A Clarke (sub: D Blackwell). CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn; R Shaw, G Southgate, C Coleman, D Gordon, A Thom (sub: G Watts), S Osborn (sub: J Humphrey), G Thomas, P Williams, S Rodger, E McGoldrick. Referee: V Callow.

IAN STEWART



Finishing touch: Sheringham, of Tottenham Hotspur, salutes his club's second goal, a fine five-man move, against Norwich City at White Hart Lane yesterday. Tottenham won 5-1. Report, page 36

SPORT IN BRIEF

Agassi and Lendl toppled in Spain

ANDRE Agassi and Ivan Lendl were both knocked out of the Conde de Godo tennis tournament in straight sets in their quarter-final matches in Barcelona yesterday. Agassi, the No. 1 seed, lost 6-3, 6-1 to Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in one hour and ten minutes, while Lendl, the No. 2 seed, was beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Andrei Medvedev, of the Ukraine.

Agassi, the Wimbledon champion, missed many of his first serves and rarely hit an accurate volley. He made 30 unforced errors. Bruguera's shots were deep and he chased every ball. "I wasn't at my best," Agassi said. "Sergi played extremely well with a lot of shots very close to the line which were in while mine were out."

Bruguera, the No. 7 seed, said: "Agassi kept fighting. Even when he was 0-4 down in the second set I knew I had to keep the pressure on." Bruguera will face Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, who beat him in the semi-final of the tournament last year. Gustafsson, who is unseeded, beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, who beat Michael Stich, of Germany, the No. 3 seed, 6-4, 6-3 in the third round. Kafelnikov is also unseeded.

Gravett back to form

MOTOR SPORT: Britain's most popular national series and two championships for Formula One drivers of the future will provide the supporting action for the Grand Prix of Europe at Donington Park this weekend. The televised British Touring Car championship race will probably become a battle between the BMW drivers, Steve Soper and Joachim Winkelhock, who dominated the opening round of the series, and the factory-backed Vauxhalls, Toyotas, Nissans and Renaults.

Initial qualifying yesterday showed a strong return to form by the 1990 champion, Robb Gravett, who strongly challenged Soper for the provisional pole position, ahead of the Renault of Alain Menu, the Nissans of Kieth Odor and Win Percy and the Vauxhall Cavaliers of John Cleland and Jeff Allam. The Toyotas of Will Hoy and the former Formula One driver, Julian Bailey, struggled on the wet track.

Moria's scoring start

ICE HOCKEY: This season's league play-offs began on Wednesday with a dispute surrounding the signing by Nottingham Panthers of Steve Moria, a high-scoring forward who has netted 83 goals in 32 games for Blackburn Hawks this season, in place of the injured Chris Kelland, a defenceman, who is missing the play-offs because of injury for the second time in three years. Moria scored his first goal for his new club in Panthers' 8-3 win over Billingham Bombers. Whitley Warriors salvaged a 7-7 draw with Humberside Seahawks while Durham Wasps started the promotion-relegation play-offs well, beating Romford Raiders 13-5.

Caniggia receives ban

FOOTBALL: Claudio Caniggia, the Argentinian striker, has been suspended by the Italian football league after testing positive for cocaine. The league disciplinary committee said it had suspended Caniggia, who plays for AS Roma, as a "precautionary measure". Caniggia, who faces a ban of between six months and two years, will appear before a formal disciplinary hearing later this month. FIFA, the game's governing body, has banned Caniggia's compatriot, Ruben Tanucci, for life for being aggressive towards the referee in a friendly match two weeks ago. Tanucci was playing for Palestino, the Chilean first division club, against a local team in Honduras when the incident occurred.

Sampras reaches peak

TENNIS: Pete Sampras secured the world No. 1 ranking for the first time in his career by defeating David Wheaton, his fellow American, in the quarter-finals of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday. Sampras, the No. 2 seed, beat Wheaton, a serve-and-volley specialist, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to earn 136 ranking points. This put him 28 points clear of the former No. 1, Jim Courier. Even if Sampras loses in the semi-final against Wally Masur, the No. 6 seed, today, he will have 3,591 points to Courier's 3,563, assuring him of top spot when the ATP tour rankings are released on Monday. Courier only succeeded Stefan Edberg as world No. 1 in October of last year.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

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GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Uerdingen 2, Nuremberg 1; Kaiserslautern 0, VfB Stuttgart 0; Schalke 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Progresul Bucharest 2, Otelul Galati 0; Selena Bacau 2, Petrolul Ploesti 0; Universitatea Cluj 0, Universitatea Craiova 2; CSM Resita 2, Steaua Bucharest 0; Sportul Studentesc 1, Glona Bistrita 0; Dacia Unirea Braila 3, FC Inter Sibiu 2; Dinamo Bucharest 3, FC Brasov 0; Electroputere Craiova 2, Rapid Bucharest 0
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bideford 3, Torrington 2; Bristol Manor Farm 1, Paulton Rovers 0; Dawlish 0, Exmouth 2; Mangotsfield 1, Clevedon 0 (abandoned, half-time); Saltash 3, Liskeard 2. First division: Melksham 1, Warminster 5; Heavitree 0, Crediton 2; Odd Down 1, Larkhall Athletic 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0, Watford 2; Bristol City 0, Luton 2; Norwich 3, Ipswich 0; Portsmouth 2, Fulham 2
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham F 1, Sheffield W 2; Notts County 3, Blackburn 0. Second division: Middlesbrough 2, Everton 3, Oldham 0, Derby 0.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Congleton 2, Warrington 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Barnstead 4, Leatherhead 2.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Shelbourne 0, Dundalk 1. Group B: Waterford 1, Shamrock 1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Durham Festival: Allerdale 1, Sunderland 1, Blackheath 0; Chester-le-Street 5; Bishop Auckland 1, East Northumberland 5; Bradford 2, Gateshead 0, Carlisle 0, Darlington 1; Luton 5, Middlesbrough 0; Peterborough 1, Hartlepool 4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 14, Cincinnati 11; St Louis 2, San Francisco 1, Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 4; Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 1. American League: Chicago 9, Minnesota 4; Detroit 3, Oakland 2; Cleveland 15, New York 5; Boston 9, Kansas C 4

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit 100, New Jersey 98, New York 110, Boston 88, Miami 117, Milwaukee 92, San Antonio 112, Los Angeles 108; Houston 95, Utah 90; Los Angeles 87, Golden State 81; Portland 126, Dallas 107; Phoenix 123, Sacramento 114

CYCLING

LEMONIZ, Spain: Basque Tour: Fourth stage (131-miles): 1, T Rominger (Switz), Clas, 3hr 42min 22sec; 2, R Sorensen (Den), Carrera, same time; 3, A Zuelle (Switz), ONCE, same time. Overall: 1, Rominger, 19.00.21; 2, A Zuelle (Switz), ONCE, 6sec behind; 3, R Sorensen (Den), Carrera, 6sec behind.
HERNE HILL, London: International meeting — postponed.

ICE HOCKEY

TAMPERE: Finland 6, France 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 6, Quebec 2; Chicago 3, New York 2; Philadelphia 4, Washington 3; Detroit 9, Tampa Bay 1; Winnipeg 5, Toronto 3; Los Angeles 2, San Jose 1.
HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Cardiff 7, Bracknell 3; Humberside 7, Whitley 7; Murrayfield 11, Fife 2; Nottingham 8, Billingham 3. Promotion/relegation play-offs: Basingstoke 10, Swindon 4, Durham 13, Romford 5, Sheffield 12, Norwich and Peterborough 6; Slough 1, Milton Keynes 9.

GOLF

WEST HILL GOLF CLUB: Father and son foursomes: Semi-finals: P J M and A W Bathurst (Hankley Common) bt G N and M Betterswellen (Haywards Heath/Westhill), 1 hole; B J and R Groce (Pinner Hill) bt J B C and W Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford), 2 and 1. Final: B J and R Groce bt P J M and A W Bathurst, 1 hole.

HOCKEY

MAASTRICHT: Six Nations Youth Tournament: Men: Under-18: Holland 2, Spain 2; Germany 6, France 1; Belgium 0, England 3. Under-16: Holland 2, France 1; Germany 3, Spain 3; England 7, Scotland 0. Women: Under-18: Holland 2, Spain 1; Germany 4, France 0; Scotland 0, England 3. Under-16: Spain 0, Holland 4, France 0, England 4; Scotland 0, Germany 4.

MOTORCYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: World Superbike First leg (22 laps, 57 miles): 1, G Salappa (It), Ducati, 41m 21.12sec (83 mph); 2, S Russell (US), Kawasaki, 41:57.08; 3, B Morrison (GB), Kawasaki, 41:58.93; 4, A Morillas (Fr), Kawasaki, 42:22.51; 5, A Slight (NZ), Kawasaki, 42:44.45; 6, S Mertens (Bel), Ducati, 42:48.42.

MOTOR RALLYING

NAIROBI: Kenya Safari: Second stage: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 25.00min (penalty time); 2, M Alen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 30.00; 3, I Duncan (Ken), Toyota Celica 4WD, 46.00; 4, K Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi, 1hr 23min; 5, Y Iwase (Japan) Toyota Celica 4WD, 1.25.00; 6, G Jack (Ken), Daihatsu Charade, 1:47.00.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: Sky Sports Open: Fifth round: Quarter-finals: D Harold (Eng) bt P Davies (Wales); S Hendry (Scot) bt A McManus (Scot), 5-2; S Davis (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-3.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Preston Grasshoppers 58, Vale of Luna 9.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Widnes 28, Warrington 14; Wigan 9, St Helens 8; Hull 14, Hull KR 4. Postponed: Leeds v Leigh. Second division: Rochdale 18, Oldham 32; Swinton 23, Carlisle 12. Third division: Barrow 9, Highfield 14. Postponed: Whitehaven v Workington.

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: Sixth International match: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, J Olson (US), 23.27; 2, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 23.35; 3, G Prigoda (Russ), 23.89. 1,500m freestyle: 1, I Wilson (City of Sunderland), 15:30.58; 2, G Smith (Stockport M), 15:54.69; 3, A Akatiev (Rus), 16.17.36. 50m backstroke: 1, J Rouse (US), 25.65; 2, W van der Aiker (Holl), 27.83; 3, R Stoeserwij (Holl), 28.30. 200m breaststroke: 1, S Lopez (Sp), 2:18.26; 2, R Santos (US), 2:20.26; 3, P Maden (City of Leeds), 2:20.93. 200m medley: 1, Lopez, 2:06.84; 2, Santos, 2:08.28; 3, G Robins (Portsmouth N), 2:09.26. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, L Dobrescu (Rom), 2:03.87; 2, S Hardcastle (Borough of Southend), 2:04.41; 3, K Tellegen (Holl), 2:06.56. 100m backstroke: 1, N Stevenson (Aus), 1:00m butterfly: 1, K Brienesse (Holl), 1:01.32; 2, I de Bruin (Holl), 1:01.82; 3, D Ureche (Rom), 1:03.98.

SQUASH

TOURS: French Open: Second round: R Martin (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-10, 15-7, 15-8; C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 17-14, 15-2, 15-5; J Bonetat (Fr) bt A Hands (Eng), 15-13, 11-15, 15-8, 15-11; C Rowland (Aus) bt C Leach (Eng), 15-11, 15-5, 15-9. Quarter-finals: H Waters (Can) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-11, 15-13, 10-15, 15-12; R Eyles (Aus) bt Rowland, 17-14, 15-8, 15-8.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Conde de Godo tournament: Quarter-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Agassi (US), 6-3, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ), 6-4, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt I Lendl (US), 7-6, 6-2.
TOKYO: Japan Open, Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-4, 6-0; B Gilbert (US) bt J Stark (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-0.
AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Third round: M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt S Hack (Ger), 7-5, 6-4; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Rinaldi, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt P Langrova (Cz Rep), 5-0 rtd.
BARCELONA: Spanish Open: Third round (Spanish unless stated): A Medvedev (Ukr) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Stich (Ger), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt J Sánchez Vicario, 6-3, 7-6; I Lendl (US) bt F Dewulf (Bel), 6-3, 6-1.
SUNDERLAND: Reebok Tour: Semi-finals: Men: L Matthews (Hants) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-4, 6-1; C Beecher (Kent) bt N Fullwood (Derbys), 6-3, 7-6. Women: A Simpkin (Leics) bt J Ward (Durham and Cleveland), 6-2, 6-3; N Egorova (Russ) bt A Wainwright (Essex), 6-3, 6-4. Final: Simpkin bt Egorova 6-2, 6-4.

YACHTING

LAKE BALA: British youth sailing championships: Laser: Boys: Sixth race: 1, A Coates; 2, A Simpson, 3, G Truswell. Seventh race: 1, A Simpson, 2, A Coates; 3, I Percy. Overall (counting discards): 1, A Simpson, 15.5pts; 2, A Coates, 16.5, 3, I Percy, 23. Laser Radial: Sixth race: 1, R Hughes; 2, P Wilkin; 3, P Goodison. Seventh race: 1, E Wright, 2, P Wilkin; 3, P Mountford. Overall (counting discards): 1, P Mountford, 10pts; 2, P Wilkin, 10.75; 3, E Wright, 16.75. 405 class: Second race: 1, J Rix and J Fox; 2, A Fremantle and C Hopper; 3, C Bonner and J Gray. Third race: 1, A Richardson and I Priest, 2, A Fremantle and C Hopper; 3, C Hamilton and A Powell. 420 Class (boys): Fifth race: 1, R Lovering and S Hughes; 2, I Jameson and G Stuart; 3, R Wilson and D Mason. Overall (after 5 races): 1, Wilson and Mason, 8.5pts; 2, Jameson and Stuart, 13.75.

Coventry ready to tilt title balance

BY KEITH PIKE

A FEW weeks into the season they led the table, but this weekend Coventry City must be satisfied with their more accustomed role, as the filling in a Premier League sandwich. Nevertheless, how they fare may have a significant bearing on the championship.

Coventry visit the leaders, Aston Villa, today and on Monday play host to Manchester United, who lie a point behind Villa in second place.

United will enjoy Easter all the more if there is a touch of Christmas past. On Boxing Day, Coventry beat Villa 3-0 at Highfield Road, only to go down 5-0 at Old Trafford two days later. With six games to go, a repeat performance would tilt the title balance in United's favour.

Both contenders will find Coventry in a relaxed mood, according to Phil Neal, the Coventry coach. "Now that we have passed the 50-point safety mark, there has been a different air about the club," he said yesterday. Villa, who have not lost at home to their Midlands rivals since 1936 and who visit Arsenal on Monday, expect Yorke to recover from an ankle injury.

United will first hope not to catch a cold at home to Sheffield Wednesday today, even if Alex Ferguson, their manager, has gone down with flu. The absence of Kanchelskis, on international duty with Russia, is compensated by the return of Hughes after suspension. Viv Anderson, the former United defender, returns to Old Trafford for the first time, having yesterday been offered a one-year extension to his contract.

At the foot of the table, nothing but victory will do at Loftus Road for Nottingham Forest, who have confirmed that Roy Keane, their Republic of Ireland international, will be free to leave if they are relegated. Last month, Keane agreed a 3½ year extension to his contract, but yesterday Forest revealed that an "escape clause" would allow Keane to move to a British club for a minimum of £3 million, or to a continental club for £5 million.

☐ Mark Raven, an England supporter, has demanded that Fifa, the world governing body, takes action against Turkish football authorities for the coin-throwing incident that cost him the sight in his right eye during the World Cup qualifying match in Izmir last week.



Keane: escape clause

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Faldo falls foul of the 12th in his challenge for third green jacket

Clouds break for Ballesteros



High anxiety: Faldo looks concerned as his second round lurches towards disaster at the unforgiving 12th hole at Augusta yesterday. Photograph: David Cannon

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

THE weather threatened to overshadow the golf, throughout the second day of the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National yesterday.

Play started an hour earlier than usual because the forecast was ghastly. Thunderstorms and hailstorms were predicted and the weather channel delighted in showing swirling masses of something very nasty making its way towards Augusta. There was a tension in the air that did not involve making the cut, as players and spectators alike kept glancing nervously skywards.

Some of the former were undoubtedly looking for divine inspiration as they struggled with their swings and one of the game's most divine inspirations, a man for whom the term might have been created, found it.

Severiano Ballesteros, the golfing god in question, out of sorts because of a bad back and uncertain form, struggled to the turn in 39, to be five over par for the tournament and in great danger of missing the cut here for the first time since 1984, the year after his second victory.

Ballesteros was paired with Arnold Palmer in a twosome that oozed theatre from every pore. Even standing still, they radiate a magnetic force field that attracts people to watch them. On the move, even playing poorly, they are irresistible, never content with mere drama when it can be turned into crisis.

At the 10th, Ballesteros saved his par four with a deft sand shot from the right-hand bunker — the one Nick Faldo was in during his play-off against Scott Hoch. The abiding memory of that hole two years before was of the Spaniard, in tears, surrounded by an aura as dark and lowering as the projected weather, trudging back up the hill to the clubhouse, leaving Greg Norman and Larry Mize to their fate.

Walking down that hole yesterday, having missed the green, Ballesteros, whose 36th birthday it was, felt at least ten years older. He was as gloomy and dejected as he could be. His sand save cheered him up but it was the next hole that set in motion the vibrant Ballesteros of old, the electrifier of crowds, the stirrer of souls, the winner of three Open championships and two green jackets. He holed from 30 feet for a birdie three and, suddenly, he said: "The sun started to shine."

It was all in the mind, of course, but that is where a lot of golf is played, especially at this rarefied level. Ballesteros his a seven-iron to six feet at the 12th and holed the putt; he laid up short of the creek at the 13th, with a five-iron, and hit a wedge to four feet for his third consecutive birdie.

At the 500 yard 15th, he was just off the back of the green in two and his chip for an eagle three ran round the hole and stayed out. At the 16th, a natural theatre that might have been designed for a darkly handsome Spaniard with swashbuckling tendencies, Ballesteros did not disappoint his audience. He hit a seven-iron to two feet, and his fifth birdie in six holes was a mere formality.

At the last, he hit his second shot 15 feet past the hole, it screwed back to four feet, but he missed the putt. Home in 31 for one of the most scintillating rounds of 70 anybody could hope to see and a 36-hole total of 144, level par. "It should have been 28 or 29," Ballesteros said of his last nine holes. "I've never had 30 on either nine before in all my years here."

The burst of Ballesteros brilliance put him within touching distance of the first-round leaders — Jack Nicklaus, Mize, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen and Tom Lehman, who shot 67 on Thursday — and only two behind the early 36-hole leaders. That position, a welcome one given the forecast, was shared by Fuzzy Zoeller, who had a 67 and Greg Norman, whose 68 featured an inward half of 32 but owed a lot to a birdie putt of 45 feet at the 8th. "That's the sort of thing you need to spark a round," Zoeller said.

It was the sort of inspiration Faldo desperately needed. His opening 71 was made all the more frustrating because he reckoned he missed 12 putts of 15 feet or less, and yesterday, after 11 holes, he was still only one under. Instead of finding inspiration, however, he suffered calamity, at the 12th hole — where else?

The Open champion and world No. 1 took seven at what is one of the most feared par threes in the world. It was six strokes short of the record 13 set by Tom Weiskopf in 1980, but that was unlikely to console Faldo. He needed to get his putter working — and fast — to repair the damage.

That it was possible was proved by Sandy Lyle. Earlier, the Scot, who had gone out in 34, had taken five there, but birdies at the 13th and 16th brought him home in 37 for a round of 71 and a score of 144. Not too shabby, as Lyle, ever laconic, might have put it.

Of the other Europeans out on the course, Anders Forsbrand, Ian Woosnam, Colin Montgomerie and José Maria Olazábal were all one under par. Stephen Dundas, the Amateur champion, started with four bogeys, adding a round of 83 to his opening 78, but vowed: "I want to come back but not as a spectator. I want to compete."

David Miller, page 34

Hill stays close to Senna

DAMON Hill mastered the treacherous conditions at Donington Park yesterday with a series of qualifying laps that almost wrested provisional pole position for the grand prix of Europe tomorrow from Ayrton Senna (Oliver Holt writes).

Senna, in his McLaren-Ford, finished a bleak, sodden afternoon less than a tenth of a second ahead of Hill, who saved his best until almost the last of his allotted 12 laps and outshone his Williams team-mate, Alain Prost, who was third.

"Towards the end of the session, the pressure was off," Hill said. "I knew I only had a limited number of laps left and I did not need to worry about going off because I had already put a marker lap down."

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 23.076sec; 2, D Hill (GB), Williams, 1:24.014; 3, A Prost (Fr), Williams, 1:24.457; 4, J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1:25.469; 5, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:25.699; 6, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:25.971; 7, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1:26.264; 8, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1:26.557; 9, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 1:26.768; 10, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:26.805.

Senna on song, page 30
Saturday portrait, page 31

SCORES FROM AUGUSTA

First round

US unless stated

67: L Janzen, J Nicklaus, T Lehman, C Pavin, L Mize

68: J Huston, R Floyd, B Langer (Ger)

69: E Schutz, C Parry (Aus), L Wadkins, D Forsman, R Gilder

70: J Meggert, W Glasson, J Heas, R Cochran, B Ogle (Aus), J Daly, J M Olazábal (Sp), H Twitty

71: M Calcavecchia, G Player (SA), D Peoples, J D Blake, B Faxon, I Woosnam (GB), P Azinger, S Elkington (Aus), T Watson, J Sluman, C Montgomerie (GB), N Faldo (GB), A Forsbrand (Swe)

72: G Morgan, J Sindelar, G Hallberg, D Waldorf, M Brooks, P Mickelson, C Beck, F Couples, N Price (Zim), S Simpson

73: * W Schutte (SA), W Andrade, S Pate, A Lyle (GB), D Love III, I Baker-Finch (Aus), T Kite, C Stadler, D Edwards

74: A Johnstone (Zim), M Hulbert, C Coody, H Irwin, K Clearwater, A Palmer, S Ballesteros (Sp), B Crenshaw, B R Brown, B Lietzke, G Norman (Aus), P Stewart, N Ozaki (Japan), G Sauers

75: M O'Meara, A Magee, F Zoeller, M Ozaki (Japan), R Zokol (Can), D Frost (SA)

76: J Cook, *D Yates, M McCumber, N Henke, D Pruitt, * J Leonard

77: F Funk, C Strange, W Grady (Aus)

78: M Standly, * S Dundas (GB)

79: W Casper, M Carnevale

80: G Brewer, T Aaron

81: J Gallegher Jr

83: D Ford

EARLY SECOND ROUND: 142: F Zoeller, 75, 67; G Norman (Aus), 74, 68. 143: J Cook, 76, 67; H Irwin, 74, 69. 144: K Clearwater, 74, 70; A Magee, 75, 69; M O'Meara, 75, 69; N Ozaki (Japan), 74, 70; P Stewart, 74, 70; S Ballesteros (Sp), 74, 70. 145: N Henke 75, 69; G Sauers, 74, 71; B Lietzke, 74, 71; D Love III, 73, 72; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 73, 72. 146: M Ozaki (Japan), 75, 71; C Coody, 74, 72; D Edwards, 73, 73. 147: C Stadler, 73, 74. 148: D Frost (SA), 75, 73; B Crenshaw, 74, 74. 149: * J Leonard, 76, 73; M Hulbert, 74, 75. 150: W Grady (Aus), 77, 73; F Funk, 77, 73; T Johnstone (Zim), 74, 76. 151: T Aaron, 80, 71; D Pruitt, 76, 75; B R Brown, 74, 77; T Kite, 73, 78. 152: M Carnevale, 79, 73; A Palmer, 74, 78. 153: J Gallegher Jnr, 81, 72. 154: R Zokol (Can), 75, 79. 155: * D Yates 76, 79. 156: M McCumber, 76, 80; W Casper, 79, 77. 157: M Standly, 78, 79. 161: * S Dundas (GB), 78, 83; D Ford, 83, 78. 163: G Brewer, 80, 83. Retired: C Strange.
* denotes amateur

Frail Norwich lose sight of championship

Tottenham Hotspur 5
Norwich City 1

BY KEITH PIKE

A DREAM that took root in the summer sunshine of London N5 and flourished against all expectations finally withered yesterday under a spring downpour in London N17. Now, surely, the Premier League championship can be declared a two-horse race.

In theory, Norwich City can still upset Aston Villa, Manchester United and the odds, but after conceding three goals against United on Monday and now five at White Hart Lane, the unlikely has become the unthinkable. Even Mike Walker, their manager, conceded that Norwich will "struggle to finish in the top ten" unless they rediscover the appetite that sustained their challenge when so many people outside Carrow Road were hungry to write them off.

It was not so much the margin of defeat as the manner of it that upset Walker. Tottenham, with a glorious mixture of the sledgehammer and the surgeon's knife, could have doubled their score, such was Norwich's compliance.

"Our performance was unacceptable and I was not happy with our attitude," Walker said. "In the position we were in, you have to be disappointed if you cannot be up for a game like this."

Norwich have contributed so much since August that it would be hard on Walker if his first season in charge is remembered for the scale of this defeat or the 7-1 hiding they took at Ewood Park in October. Then, and on other occasions when their defensive frailties were exposed, they bounced back. Not now.

Nothing, though, should detract from a splendid display by Tottenham. Had they been able to summon half the passion or precision of their attacks six days ago, surely they, and not Arsenal, would be looking forward to the FA Cup final. And how they must be regretting not giving the quicksilver Barmby his head at Wembley. Darting from the shadow of Sheringham to keep Norwich unbalanced with his nimble mind and speed of foot, he again looked an outstanding prospect.

It was the meatier left boot of Ruddock, though, which prompted Norwich's collapse in the 27th minute. Tottenham may have been lucky to be awarded a free kick when Sheringham backed into Sutton, but there was nothing fortuitous about what followed as Anderton rolled the ball two yards and Ruddock drove it another 30 into the top left-hand corner.

Three minutes later, it was all over. Sheringham, Allen, Austin and Anderton combined in a sumptuous move from left to right which was matched by the delicious accuracy of Sheringham's finish as he met Anderton's cross on the edge of the area.

Norwich opened the season by recovering from 2-0 down at half-time to beat Arsenal 4-2, but this time there was no way back. Barmby, twisting to head in after Sheringham had nodded back Ruddock's free kick, Sheringham himself,



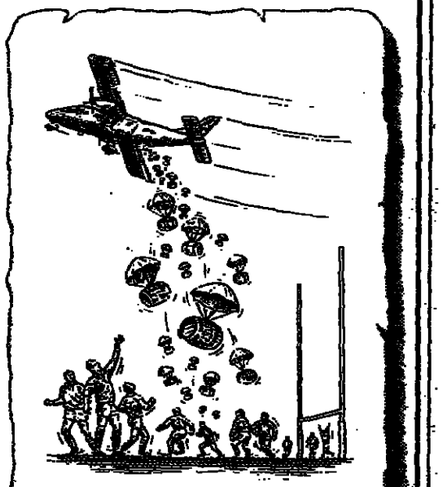
Nayim: signing off

with a tap-in after Anderton's persistence forced Polston into error, and finally Nayim, after Culverhouse's tired mistake, piled on the agony. That last goal was acclaimed louder than the rest. Tottenham confirming later that Nayim is likely to join Real Zaragoza in Spain soon for a fee in the region of £500,000.

Ekoku scrambled home a late goal for Norwich, but it was hardly consolation for a thorough beating, even if their supporters responded with a chorus of "Now you're going to believe us, we're going to win the league". Alex Ferguson and Ron Atkinson might beg to differ.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; D Austin, J Edinburgh, N Barmby (sub: A Turner), G Mabbutt, N Ruddock, S Sedgley, Nayim, D Anderton (sub: S Nethercott), E Sheringham, P Allen.
NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, C Sutton, J Polston, G Megson, I Crook, J Goss, M Robins, R Fox, D Phillips (sub: E Ekoku).
Referee: K Barratt.

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I have grown accustomed to the sight of pre-pubescent policemen, but this is too much. For it seems to me that editors of *Wisden* are getting younger. This really is the worst shock I have endured on the matter of passing years. For the new editor of *Wisden* is not only a contemporary but an old friend. Is becoming editor of *Wisden* really the way to treat your mates?

The first *Wisden* edited by Matthew Engel is published next week, and will be, I have no doubt, a seamless continuity with the almanack's best traditions as cheerleader and Cassandra to cricket. But all things, even *Wisden*, change. I have heard that the almanac now covers the game's less traditional centres — including, to my delight, Nepal. Apparently, cricket is second only to football in the shadow of Everest, and there are 25 teams in Katmandu alone. Last year's player of the year was Sri Nivas Rana; apparently, he won a television set donated by Khetri Sausages. Thus *Wisden* turns its back on parochialism: cricket is the world's game and this is now rightly celebrated in the old yellow pages of the sport.

Grand stands

I rather feel for the publishers of another new book, *Horse-Racing's Strangest Races*. It is by Andrew Ward, and the bumf tells me about a race in which spectators mounted two fallen horses and rode them to second and third places; a race re-run because the judge was not in his box; an occasion when there were no finishers in a Flat race; and a woman jockey who rode side-saddle against the best male jockey of the day and short-headed him at the finish. All splendid tales no doubt — but surely there is nothing, for sheer hilarity, to rival the proceedings of last weekend.



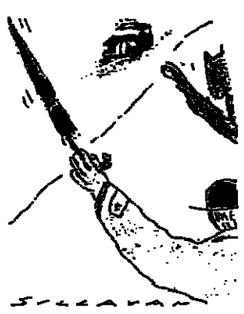
SIMON BARNES
Sporting diary

Tempting Fate Department: John Hodgkinson, headmaster of Aysgarth preparatory school in Yorkshire, tells me that both presidents in this year's Boat Race are old boys; and this is a school that has never rowed in anger.

Tantalisingly, he adds: "Our third XI cricket team has not lost since 1939, and we have played a lot, too." The last defeat was on June 17 of that year; only one match has been drawn. I look forward to hearing rival claims.

Finishing line

I doubt that anyone could make up a racing story as good as last Saturday's — but you can go on a college course to try. From June 14 to July 3, there will be a Writers for Racing project at Les Bois Park in Idaho, USA. I look forward to reading *Ode to a Man in Bowler Hat*: one of my correspondents this week described the great Captain Brown as "a man waving for a taxi with a furled umbrella".



Brazil's killjoys

There is uproar among the footballers of Brazil. Brazilian football is renowned for its joyousness: now I hear that the Brazilian Confederation of Football has issued new rulings designed to clamp down on goalscoring celebrations. This most extraordinarily un-Brazilian move has left the players steaming with fury — apart from the old guard. Former players, including Junior and Gerson, have become sniffy. "When we played, we just scored the goals," one of them added. As a comprehensive rewriting of history, this can hardly be bettered.

Extended run

In June, the Front Runners club of New York will be staging its five-mile Lesbian and Gay Pride Run for the fifth year. Last year, there were 1,000 participants. There are 40 Front Runner clubs in the United States; the first was started in San Francisco in 1974, under the self-mocking name of Lavender U. The name was changed in 1979 in the wake of a novel titled *The Front Runner*, which is about a gay athlete who falls in love with his coach and goes on to run at the Olympics. There are now Front Runner clubs in Australia, Canada, France and Israel; next year, the Gay Games, founded by the American Olympic decathlete, Tom Waddell, will take place in New York.

Spring madness

Is there no end to the madness? There will be 1,342 mechanical engineers taking part in the London Marathon a week tomorrow, along with 973 accountants, 839 civil servants and 501 bankers. Two male runners have stoutly put their names down in the sexist category of housewife; and of the 64 hairdressers and beauticians, 30 are male. There will be 37 actors, and 107 have entered as writer/journalist. Only 12 are female, presumably demonstrating that female journos are smarter than their male counterparts.

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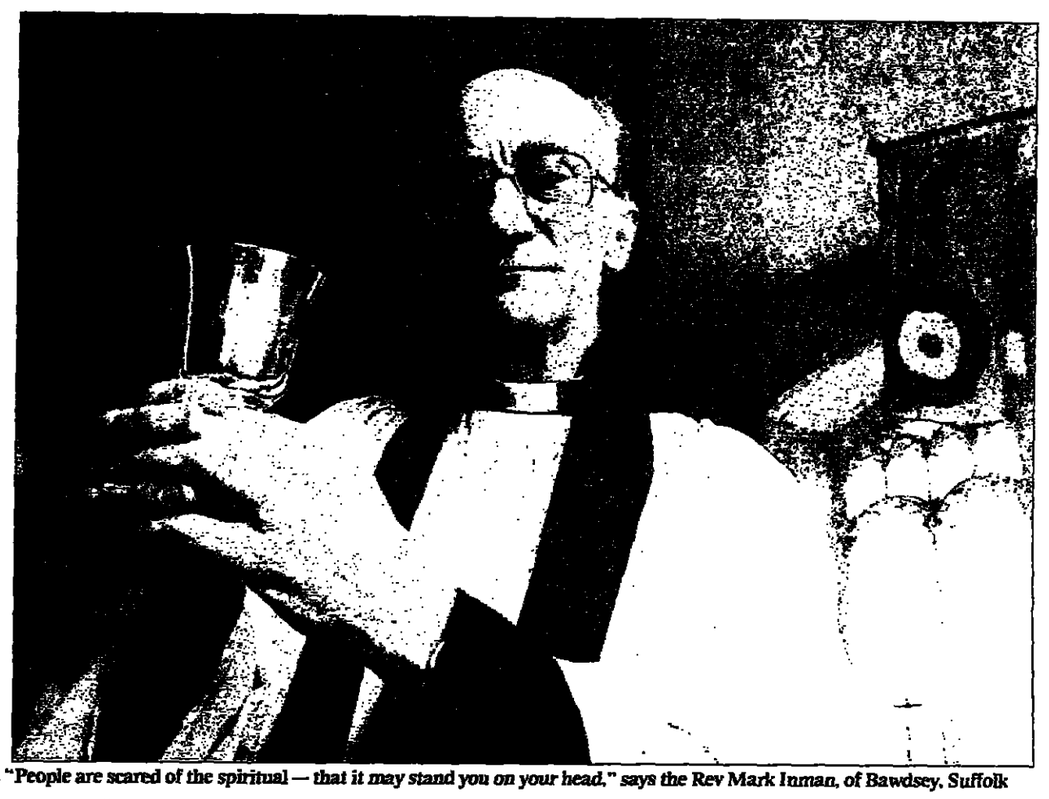
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Amid urban deprivation and rural tranquility, two Church of England clergy prepare for Easter. **Celia Brayfield** reports





Broad church: "Easter is about redemption, and that is what our work in Bristol is about," the Rev Annis Fessey (left) says. "People are scared of the spiritual — that it may stand you on your head," says the Rev Mark Inman, of Bawdsey, Suffolk

A tale of two Englands

Hartcliffe is a marginalised estate in Bristol where the Rev Annis Fessey ministers to spiritual and social needs

Standing outside her concrete church, the Rev Annis Fessey, deacon of the parish of Hartcliffe in Bristol, pointed 50 yards downhill to the library, a featureless single-storey building covered in graffiti. "The riot was down there," she says. "My head was whirling, there was all *this hell going on down there*, and here people were waiting for the Brownies and the Boy's Brigade — they never thought of cancelling anything just because people were rioting."

The library was firebombed in last summer's violence. As the only public building on a peripheral estate six miles from the city centre, it was the inevitable focus of rage when two local young men, one a suspected drug dealer, were killed in an accident after a high-speed car chase involving the police.

During the three days of unrest which followed, Rev Fessey conducted a wedding and entertained the leader of the World Council of Churches. Once the rioters had dispersed she, with other local churches, held a joint Sunday service on the site of the riot.

More than 10,000 people live in Hartcliffe, in housing built in the late 1950s which the council terms "hard to let". "Easter is about resurrection and redemption, and that is what our work here is about; giving people a new start and a new set of possibilities," she says.

"People come here from vagrancy, from bed-and-breakfasts, from long-stay institutions, after their marriages have broken up or their homes been repossessed.

"We have a constant influx of people whose lives are in crisis, who are in despair. The established community is now moving into the age of retirement, of losing partners, failing health, and they need care themselves. The population is out of balance."

The Rev Fessey and her husband, Brian, both newly ordained after first careers in teaching, came to their parishes three years ago: she to Hartcliffe, he to Withywood. "We planned to have our children early, so that we could take a new direction in the middle of our lives, but when it became clear to us what it was, we were astounded," she says.

In their modern brick house next to the church, they rush past each other all day as they pursue their work, fuelled by "a constant through-put of coffee". The church, despite theft and vandalism is, as she intends, a place of order in a disordered world. Her average Sunday congregation numbers 70.

Regenerating the parish means, first of all, practical social work in an area which has few facilities — no bank, sports ground, leisure centre, supermarket, launderette, hospital, police station or police house. "They wouldn't dare live here," Rev Fessey says.

Of the 100 pupils who left school at 16 last year, only two had jobs to go to. The church supports a parents project for teenagers, advice centre, children's playgroup and several activities for the elderly and infirm. There is a part-time care worker, and an office by the church door which is staffed six mornings a week, and which has a computer, photocopier and telephone available to community groups. The church minibus takes people to Tesco once a week.

The work is supported by the Church Urban Fund and other agencies, and much of Rev Fessey's effort is directed to extracting money from other charities. "It takes up almost a third of our time and attention, and sometimes more," she says.

In her fluent and powerful articles for church publications, Rev Fessey compares condemning families to peripheral estates to sending children to work in the mines. As a woman, a wife in the ministry with her husband, and as the clergy person of a troubled urban parish, she sees change in the Church and in social policy as part of her work. "People here have been marginalised, physically and psychologically. Because there are no other professional people living here, there's no one else to tell the people who live outside, those who make decisions, about what's going on."

Running five parishes in the Suffolk countryside presents different problems for the Rev Mark Inman

At Bawdsey, Suffolk, the Church of St Mary The Virgin is a little Norman jewel, built of flint and pebbles, with a broad tower which dominates the flat fields all around. The churchyard, with its ancient yews and freshly flowered graves, is tranquil, despite the constant roar in the tree tops of the wind off the North Sea and the sound of the pigs on the neighbouring farm.

In the benefice of Debden, near Woodbridge, the Rev Mark Inman has four other churches besides Bawdsey, in the adjoining parishes of Alderton, Ramshold, Shottisham and Sutton. Although he hates to be viewed as a piece of "Victorian flotsam and jetsam", he cuts a Dickensian figure, bicycling about the lanes among a scattered population of 1,000 people. His wife, Pat, edits the parish magazine, tends the vegetable garden behind the modern brick rectory and keeps honey bees. "Every day I go to a different village and use the church there, and if you go there, people come, because it's the same time on the same day every week," Rev Inman says. "That's the answer. If you do that, you gradually get people along; if you alter things you've had it. I think I do about seven services a week, three on Sunday. I have done four on a Sunday, but you're not much use if you do four; you're just a zombie standing up there."

In a region where churchgoers will drive miles to hear what they consider a good sermon, Rev Inman is popular. "A lovely, magical man, marvellous with young people," a parishioner says. With the parish councils, Rev Inman negotiates his timetable, accommodating preferences for Rite A or Rite B and his own liking for non-denominational, Taize services. "I hate watered-down ecumenism; things tend to be like grey plasticine. I'd rather be ecumenical than talk about it," he says.

Services combined with concerts attract about 40 people, but his smallest congregations are of two or three. Each service gets a different sermon. "They are different people, it's a totally different set-up in each parish. Just being around celebrating — that's the hinge on which everything turns."

Depopulation and intensive farming have left parishes polarised by class, accentuated by the austere beauty of this peninsula, which extends to Snape and Aldeburgh in the north. Visitors trickle through in thousands; week-ending arts and media folk buy up the pretty cottages, wing commanders and brigadiers retire here. People from all these groups visit the churches; some of them attend the services.

The social backbone of the area is virtually feudal, with the upper classes feeling responsible for the welfare of redundant farm workers or unemployed teenagers. It was a surprise when two adult parishioners recently asked to be confirmed. "Confirmation is a new phenomenon here. In the old days, the locals didn't come to communion. If they were in service they couldn't, because they were looking after the Sunday lunch. They came to evensong. Rectors used not to confirm them because there was no point."

In the churchyard at Bawdsey lies the family grave of the parish's patron, Sir Anthony Quilter, carved with his crest and motto, *Plutôt Mourir Que Changer* ("Rather die than change"). Rev Inman was already part of the community when he became its rector ten months ago, having worked first as a teacher and then as chaplain, at the nearby prison at Hollesley Bay.

The patron had to approve his appointment. "He is an extraordinary man, 6ft 5in, and an extremely humble person. When I first arrived, he took me round, going into these council houses, folding himself up into a corner and not saying a word, then chauffeuring me on to the next."

In June, Sir Anthony's son and daughter-in-law will lead a 50-mile relay run around 13 local churches. "Then we'll all be carted off to Orford, have a binge and work out the times," Rev Inman says.

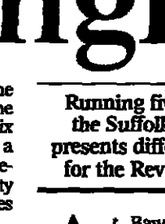
If asked, he visits people with troubles, but says he never knows what good it does. He once took on the local social services, without success. Despite the full programme of coffee mornings, hunger lunches and strawberry teas, this Easter, Rev Inman is more concerned with spiritual resurrection. He describes himself as basically an internal man, has introduced the meditative Seven Circles of Prayer technique and recently startled his flock by suggesting a retreat during Lent.

"Quite ordinary folk started to twitch and gibber at the idea. We used a coastguard's watch-house, belonging to a great chap who does film art in Soho. There were four of us, then three more came in the afternoon.

"It's a question of living from the centre, instead of living from the outside. The greatest challenge here is to have a group of people who know how to do that. We must use everything around us — air, sea, sky, beauty, music — to help people find God within them. People are scared of the spiritual, really, the fact that it may stand you on your head, but they shouldn't live in the country if they aren't prepared to be explorers."

Portrait of an artist with a blank canvas

Trying to find lots of things not to do can be time consuming



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

I was staring at a stand of self-help manuals in the bookshop at Paddington station when I came across one on how to use every minute of your day constructively. The title was *Stop Wasting Time*. I thought I would buy it for a friend named Johnny, who frequently cannot account for whole hours of his mornings, afternoons and evenings. When I lived in London, we had a number of friends in common and used to meet in the natural course of events about three times a week. Every so often, he would ask if he could consult my diary so as to find out what he had been up to.

I telephoned Johnny in Devon, where he now lives and "works" as a painter. I asked how he was and what he had been doing recently. He thought for a bit, then replied: "Do you know, I've absolutely no idea. What *have* I been doing?"

Becoming angry with himself, he complained: "Why can't you come and live near me again and keep a diary? Whole years disappeared and I have no idea whatsoever what I did in them. Your diary was my only hope of keeping any sort of record," he said.

"Why don't you keep one yourself?" I asked.

"I never have enough time," he replied indignantly. Being of the late thirtysomething generation, Johnny has an untrusting nature. He was too old, at 22, to change gear when Mrs Thatcher and the yuppies and self-improvers came along. The only pushiness he has ever experienced has been passive and parental.

Johnny's teenaged persona was shaped by the droning messages of his musical idols, who urged him to lie back in a coma and punctuate his days only with the ingestion of illegal stupefacients. Now, years on from his last stupefacient, Johnny would consider himself very much part of the rat race — though I have often argued with him that his count of brushstrokes on to canvass is low considering the amount of time he spends "gathering mental material".

"Well, where *have* you been?" I asked.

"Oh, round and about. I've been very busy," he replied.

"I expect a good part of your day still goes by in manwatching?" I suggested. "Manwatching" was a Desmond Morris-inspired pastime. During the Thatcher years, Johnny and his friend David plumped for legal stupefacients in the form of beer. "Let's go manwatching," they used to say when they set off for Finche's pub on the Fulham Road, where they would sit for hours, staring at people and listening to their conversations.

Sometimes they did this from a parked car, "just simply observing other people as they go about their business". "It's very important for artists to observe all kinds and conditions of mankind," Johnny said. "Country fairs in the old days must have had much the same appeal to the inhabitants of isolated rural communities."

David used to theorise: "It's because we were brought up not to stare at other people. This is obviously a late manifestation of the reaction to those restrictions."

I was thinking about this the other day when a friend reminded me how, in Mediterranean countries with relatively high male employment, one is struck, when driving along country roads, by just how many men or groups of men of all ages are standing by the road, doing nothing but "staring in front of them like extras from a film".

Yet there are plenty of other ways of wasting time, if you really put your mind to it. Johnny likes what I call a "drive creation scheme", whereby he drives to and from Devon quite regularly on the pretext of picking something up from London.

Recently, he admitted he had to kill a couple of hours in his local market town while his car was being serviced. "I don't know what other single car owners do while they are waiting," he said.

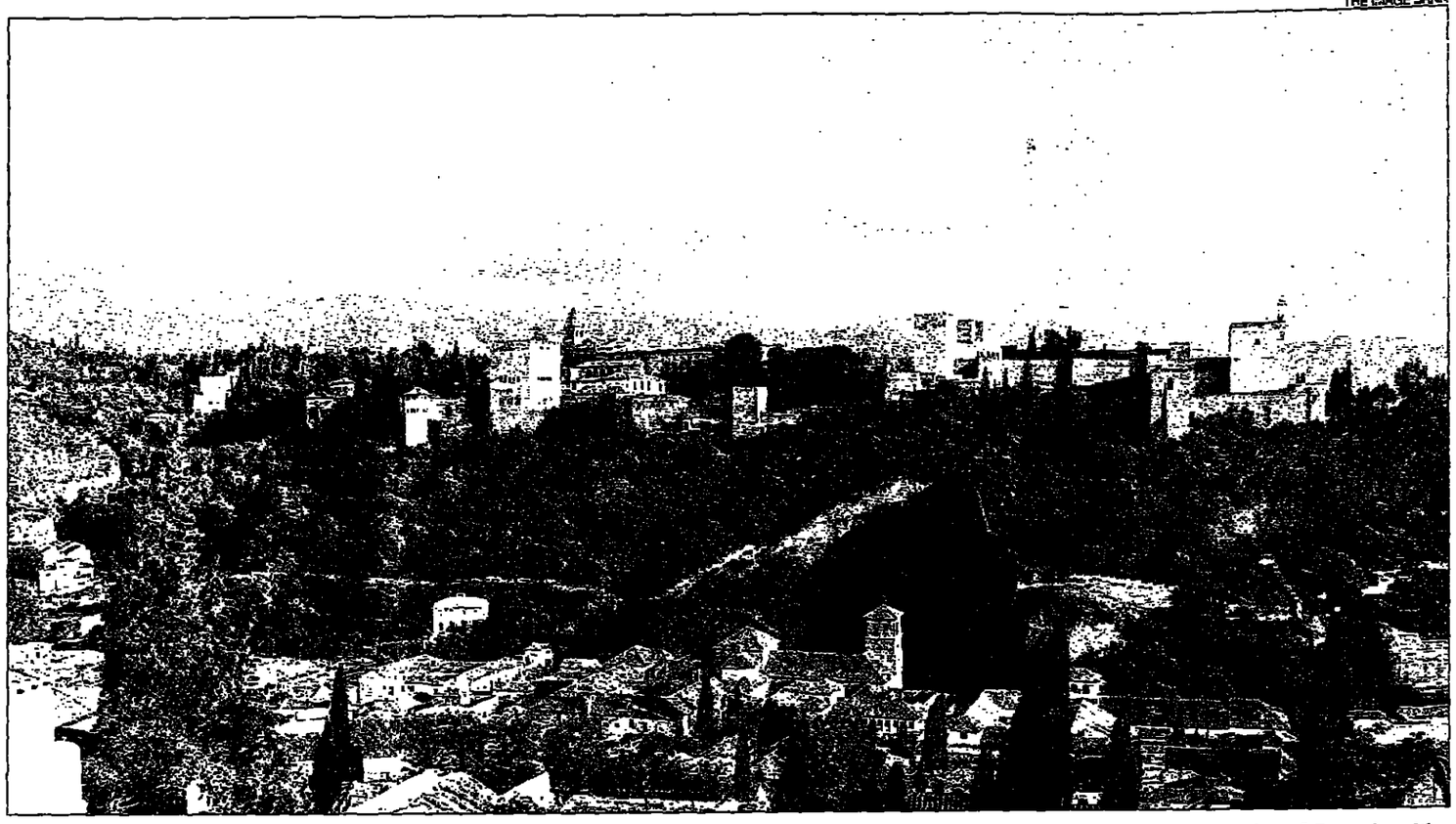
Johnny wandered into the town to explore and found himself browsing in an optician's. "I had a routine hearing test!" he said, proudly. "Why?" I asked.

"Well, it's a new thing. Opticians have started offering hearing tests and if there is something wrong with your hearing, they can arrange for you to get a hearing aid. I saw the tests were free, so I had one. It took about 40 minutes." He could hardly conceal his delight at having packed in "something useful to those redundant hours".



Treasures of a green oasis

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Castles in Spain, or more accurately the Alhambra palace and its gardens, delighted **Elizabeth Dashwood,** but her children preferred the Costa's beaches

When is the Costa del Sol not the Costa del Sol? When it's the Costa Tropical. Midway between Malaga and Almeria, this is a haven yet to be reached by low-life lager louts and high-rise hotels, which have ruined many of the fishing villages closer to the two airports. Better still, here you are one hour's drive from Granada, about the same from the flower-filled hills below the snow-covered mountains of Sierra Nevada, and just over an hour and a half from the nearest ski slopes.

Granada this March was ideal: a whiff of woodsmoke in the air, very few tourists, unharried cafés and bars, and just enough sun to wander around the Alhambra and the exquisite gardens of the Generlife without coats or fear of sunburn. If I had read the guide books on the vast distances to be covered on any tour of the Alhambra, I would not have suggested the outing to: husband (enthusiastic); three-year-old Rose (less so); and 21-month Miranda (the word seaside, newly learnt, proved tricky to abandon in concept and speech). I never read small print. Thank heavens my husband does: our tickets specified a particular half hour when we could get into the Alhambra: miss this and the tickets would be useless.

> Small, cove-like beaches with rock pools are well worth searching out

From the bright sun we walked through the cool airy darkness of the first room in the palace, the plaster walls exquisitely carved, and out into the first courtyard. Then, courtyard after courtyard, each with its own pool and seemingly dozens of arched exits to another courtyard — or had we just come through that archway? And every now and then we happened on a balcony overlooking the city of Granada far below, with the snowy mountains fringing the sky beyond.

The highlight was the famous courtyard fountain garden, a 20-minute walk through formal gardens from the main palace. Its beauty springs from simplicity: a long, narrow, rectangular pool is watered by thin fountains jetting arches from either side.

"Seaside," piped a little voice.

Much dibble dabbling of small fingers in the water. "May I take out the coins?" "No darling, we're trying to find the Lion courtyard."

"Seaside."

The seaside below the villa where we stayed, near the Moorish town of Salobreña, is of black volcanic sand, which neatly camouflages oil spills (olive oil is good for removing oil from feet, hands, faces and shoes). Small, cove-like beaches, with rock pools are well worth searching out, if you are prepared to motor down tiny, steep unmade, roads — some with seaside cafés — but you can't tell which until you get there. The alternatives are wide and often windy open beaches, like the one near Motril. A hire car is essential for this holiday, with a villa perched high on the hill and the nearest market about eight miles away in Motril.

Here there are well-stocked supermarkets and hypermarkets, but the covered market is more fun. Inside this rickety, two-storey bulding is one stall so replete that the owner is invisible until he peers through a curtain of plaited garlic, strings of onions, tied bunches of bright green chard, and burgeoning net bags of oranges. Fish and local cured meats and sausages are in abundance.

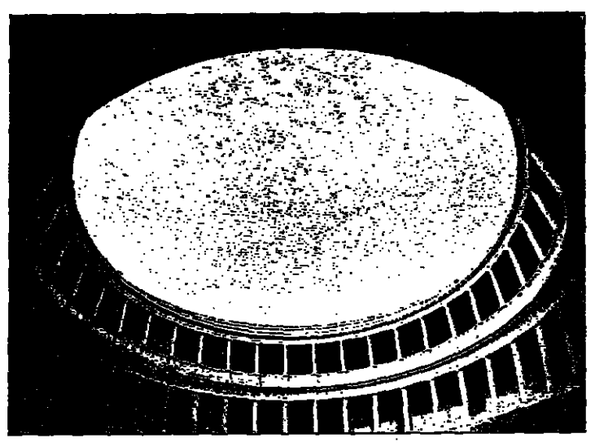
Although an ugly town, Motril is lively and fun, the restaurants are good and there are few tourists even in high season. The villa where we stayed was perched almost at the top of a steep hill covered in almond trees, palms, bouganvillea, custard apple trees and avocado (both local crops; the third, sugar cane, being unprofitable). The melting snows of the Sierra Nevada water the Costa Tropical, making a verdant area in a dusty coastline.

From the sitting-room window, a view across the tops of a few palm trees and a couple of neighbouring villas to the Mediterranean looked pretty, even if a daily freezing wind drove us from the sheltered pool area and back indoors.

At night, the bright lights of the fishing boats echoed the twinkling stars above. Idyllic stuff, and if it hadn't been for the fact that both children became ill, and unusually cold weather forced us to light a fire every evening, this would have been an idyllic holiday.

I would love to go back in late spring or summer.

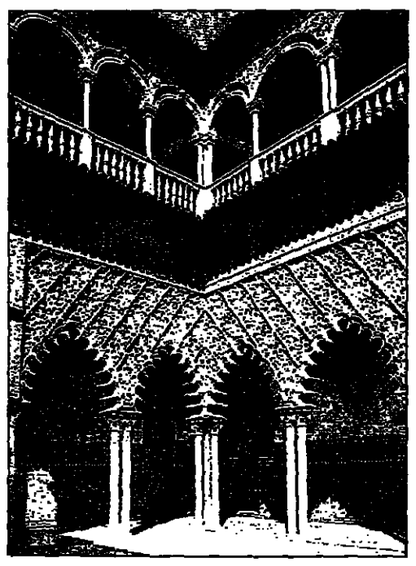
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Above: view of Granada, with the Alhambra palace and its gardens in the centre, and the Sierra Nevada mountains forming the backdrop
Left: a magnificently painted domed ceiling inside the ancient palace
Below: touring the Alhambra's wealth of pleasurable sights can be tiring; this colourful, peaceful corner in the palace gardens makes a welcome respite for visitors
Bottom left: one of the many balconied, highly decorated courtyards that are a feature of the Alhambra
Bottom right: symbols of fruitful taste from countryside behind the Costa Tropical

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Champagne weekend beside the Cam



The Old Vicarage at Grantchester, former home of Rupert Brooke

Tickled pink in Cambridge

The Garden House Hotel in Cambridge reminded me curiously of a cruise ship, something to do perhaps with the swishly tasteful Scandinavian-style décor and the wooden sun deck outside our windows. Partly under the influence of the champagne that awaited us on arrival, I began to suffer from the delusion that in the darkness an ocean was slipping silently by, and we would wake up in New York. At dinner that night in the hotel restaurant, I convinced myself that the waiters were listing to port as they brought us the warm pigeon-breast salad.

Next morning, however, revealed the ocean beyond our sun deck to be merely the Cam, and while New York might have been nice, Cambridge on a warm and sunny Saturday held its own promise.

The hotel's pretty gardens slope to the river, where rows of punts were already competing for punters, but we decided instead to amble by the Cam along the Backs, and up past the sublime architectural symmetry of King's College chapel, where someone was pulling out all the organ stops on glorious hymns more ancient than modern.



West doorway, King's College

We spent serious money in the town's second-hand bookshops, a treat hugely enhanced by finding a pile of the second novel by a former and not-much-liked colleague remaindered at £1 a time. In the market we browsed nostalgically among the ethnically sound hippie garb and joss sticks overflowing the stalls, while strolling musicians from a variety of third-world countries busked their hearts out in the adjacent square.

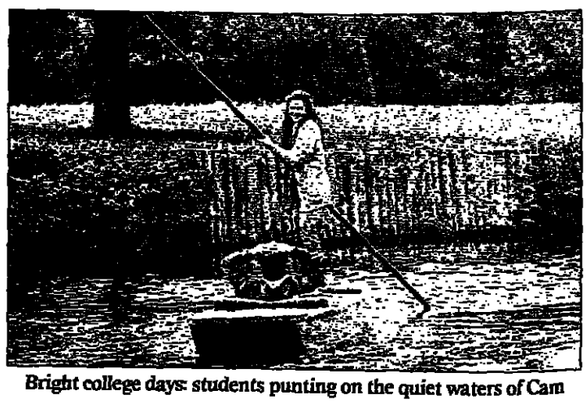
A ten-minute drive took us to Grantchester for a pub lunch and an envious glance at the Old Vicarage, former home of Rupert Brooke and now home of Lord Archer. We had amused ourselves with the idea of buying a copy of one of the great man's books (Lord Archer's, not Rupert's), knocking on the door and begging him to sign it, but the second-hand shops had failed to divulge a single *Kane and Abel* and we weren't about to pay the full price.

The high spot of the Garden House's luxury weekend break got under way on Saturday evening, when a Bentley rolled up to the hotel door, and the chauffeur settled us in the back with a glass of pink champagne each. We tried to look like the sort of people who never travel any other way.

We made our tipsy but stately progress through the countryside to dinner at the Pink Geranium in the village of Melbourn. The restaurant is the stunning creation of Steven and Sally Saunders, in a thatched 16th-century cottage bursting with beams and chintz, soft sofas and open fires, candles and flowers. Head chef David Whiffen, formerly of the Connaught, in London, has just earned a Michelin red M for excellence, and the quality of our meal suggests a star should not be far behind. Gravadlax with baby asparagus and a piquant sauce was melt-in-the-mouth, as was the pinkly tender spring lamb. The wine list is impressive if steeply priced, and Mr Saunders is a friendly and welcoming host — so much so that when the Bentley arrived at midnight, we had to be prised out of a deep sofa and forced away from the petits fours and Armagnac.

SALLY BAKER

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Slagging is one thing, but being slagged off is another



FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

I have spent the week being slagged off from two directions: the first was entirely my own fault. It is time for potatoes to be planted and, having had two successive years of growing spuds the size of ping-pong balls (albeit very tasty ones), I have a grotesque ambition to grow potatoes large enough to require two strong men to lift each of them — just to prove that I can. So I have been spreading slag, and a filthy job it is, although not as disgusting as it used to be.

Slag was widely used as a fertiliser until manufactured chemicals took over. It was a by-product of steel-making, removed from the fury of the blast-furnaces to end its days being carted by horses to tranquil fields. Here it was spread to enrich the land, and is reputed to have revitalised poor clay soils and returned exhausted pastures to fertile swards. But a heavy price was paid by the men who did the spreading. Basic slag has a texture halfway between black powder-paint and soot. The old-timers tell me it used to cling fiercely to skin, eyes and nostrils, and a day's work forking it from the back of a cart as the horse trundled forward left ruddy-faced countrymen as black as chimney sweeps.

I had an easier time of it. With the cutback in steel-making, basic slag became scarce, but the organic farmer seeking a naturally occurring source of phosphates to balance his soil, has a modern equivalent called Redzlagg. This is more user-friendly; it is dusty but not annoyingly so, and although it seems to work its way into the very filling of your sandwiches it has none of the permanently colouring effects of its predecessor. If you have to be slagged off, it is as pleasant a way as any.

However, the slagging-off I took from another direction was more hurtful, and came as a complete surprise. Two letters arrived in last Wednesday's post, both adding to the national debate that has been running in this column over the killing of pestilential rats. I intend to draw this discussion to a close, but not before I have quoted from these two contrasting letters.

One was from a chap who recalled the killing of rats at thrashing time as a "major social occasion". He told how dogs were brought from miles around to slay rats entrapped by wire mesh as they fled the diminishing corn-stacks.

I have had many letters on these lines and many ingeniously cruel suggestions, which reached a climax with a diagram showing a fiendish device constructed out of a shotgun and a sheet of corrugated iron. We will draw a veil over that.

Then came a letter from the Farm and Food Society which surprised me, as both of us sit on the same side of the fence. The society is a charity in favour of "Human, Wholesome and Fair Farming". I could not agree more with its ambitions, but on rats I find it suspect. The society invites me to take a charitable and humane view and quotes a chapter from Konrad Lorenz's *On Aggression*, in which he discusses rodent behaviour:

"... The tenderness which characterises the relation of mammal mothers to their children extends in the case of rats not only to their fathers, but to all grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and so on." It is eye-watering stuff. If Ratty had hired Sir Tim Bell do a PR job on him, he could not have done better than this. And Lorenz adds: "The larger ones good-humouredly allow the smaller ones to take pieces of food away from them."

I resisted spitting out the words. "Yes, but it's my livestock's hard-won food they nicked in the first place!" I tried to take an open-minded view. Perhaps the Farm and Food Society is right, and Ratty is a nice guy after all. I was further softened by the woman who wrote: "How can I sleep at night knowing that rats might be dying?"

Anyway, I can postpone a final decision because, as I paced the field behind the horse-drawn fertiliser spreader, I saw that the muddy tracks which lead from the ditch to the barns have started to grass over. The rats have gone for the summer.

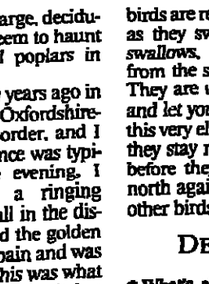
And I noticed another thing. On my bag of Redzlagg was the name of the source: the menacingly titled "Black Hole Mine" in the village of Eyam, in Derbyshire. School history lessons will remind you that it was this village which bravely went into voluntary isolation to prevent further spread of the plague when it became clear that fleas carried by rats had brought the deadly disease to the village. I have no wish needlessly to slag him off, but Ratty — kind though he is to his grandparents — must carry his share of the blame for the death of countless humans down the centuries. Ah well. He is safe on this farm for now, I suppose. Until next winter, anyway.

Feather report

Whoops, we've missed our stop

A small number of lucky people in England will see a hoopoe in their garden this month. In most years, about 100 of these spectacular birds arrive in the southern counties in spring, and they walk about openly on lawns or paths, looking for lizards and grasshoppers, which they will not find.

They have a bright pink neck and head, topped by a spiky, punkish crest. Their upper parts are boldly barred black and white, and they dig about with a long, curved bill. When they rise, they are particularly conspicuous because of their drunken-looking flight.



They are quite common summer visitors over most of Europe, but Britain is just outside their normal breeding range. The birds that arrive here are migrants that have overshot the mark. On the Continent, their triple call — which reminds you of a child suffering from whooping cough — is a familiar sound, but the birds that land here are more silent, and only rarely does a pair manage to find each other and settle down to nest in a hole in a tree or wall.

It is hard to put yourself in the way of a hoopoe, because they may turn up in almost any habitat. However, you can place yourself strategically for one or two other scarce spring visitors.



Some golden orioles can be expected to arrive in the next few weeks. They sing in the treetops of large, deciduous woods, and seem to haunt long lines of tall poplars in particular.

I saw one a few years ago in a wood on the Oxfordshire-Gloucestershire border, and I think my experience was typical. Late in the evening, I suddenly heard a ringing "woodley-woo" call in the distance. I had heard the golden oriole's song in Spain and was almost sure that this was what it was. I went off in pursuit, but every time I heard the song again it was coming from a different side — now deeper in the wood, now far away across a field. The sun set, and I had not seen the bird. Next morning, I went out early and to my delight (and relief) heard the note again almost immediately. But at first the same thing happened. The bird seemed to be returning quite often to a particular stretch of the wood where there were some ornamental conifers among the oak and hornbeam, so I took up position where I had a good view of these trees. Then, at last, I saw it. It swept up to one of the treetops from below and perched on the crest. It was unmistakable — a large, alert bird, bright yellow with black wings. It swayed on the thin spray, then swooped down and away. I saw it once more when it returned to the same perch, but I never saw it flying through the trees. It was amazing that this brilliantly coloured bird could move about so invisibly. It was shy, devious and fast-flying. So your ear is what you need to find a golden oriole.

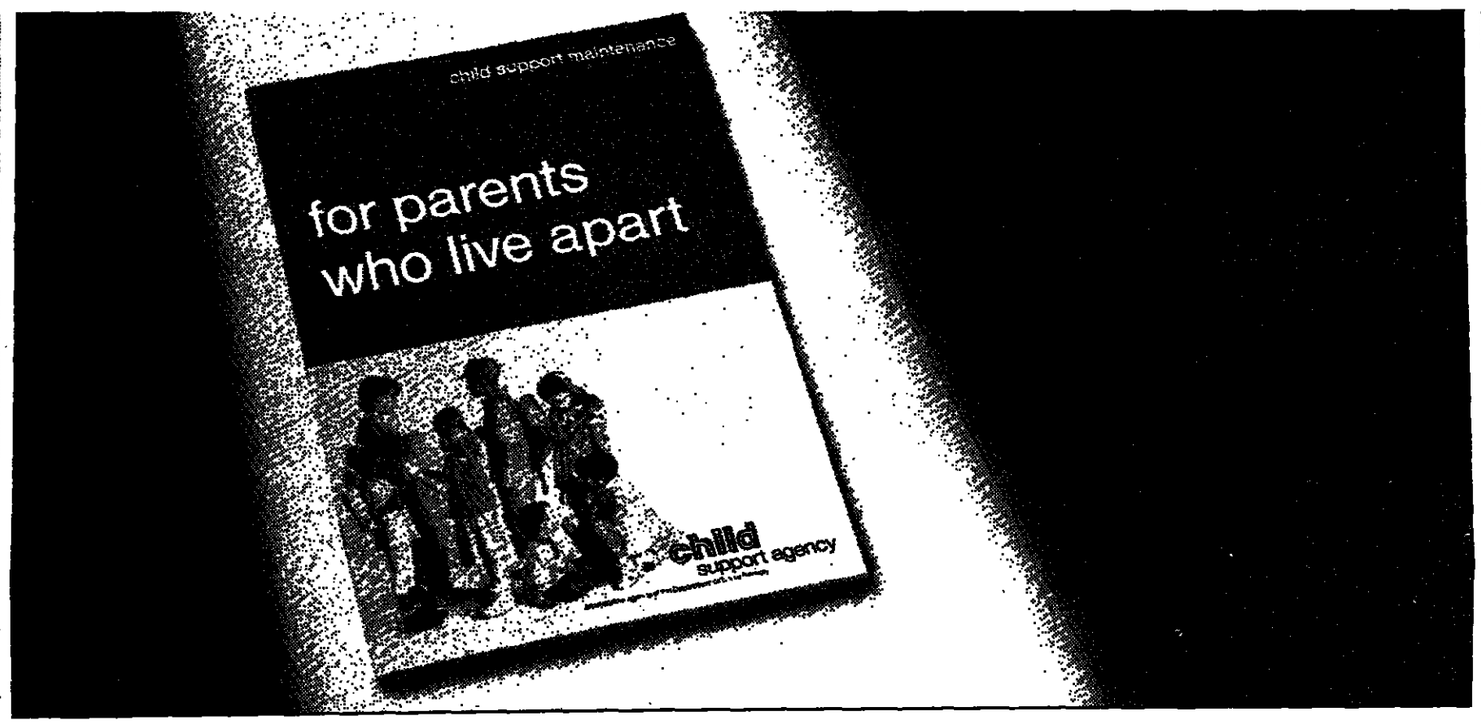
A third very attractive species that is based on the Continent but, in this case, has a regular migration route through Britain, is the black tern. A few have bred in Britain, mainly in the Ouse Washes: they make floating nests on lakes and lagoons. They are mostly seen in small flocks over water in late April and May, and they are a startling sight when you come across them feeding on a familiar lake. We are used to white-and-grey terns, but these birds are really black to look at, as they swoop and turn like swallows, picking up insects from the surface of the water. They are usually rather tame, and let you get a good view of this very elegant plumage. But they stay no more than a day before they are on their way north again — like millions of other birds now.

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From the top: black tern, golden oriole and the hoopoe



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From pre-Christian times, Europeans have celebrated the coming of spring. **Mary Pininska** describes how the Poles celebrate Easter

Pagan roots of a pious feast

EASTER day always falls between March 21 and April 25. Its date is chosen according to the cycle of the moon, and it is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. It is the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

The name Easter, it is said, was coined by the Venerable Bede and derives from the name of the pagan goddess of spring, Eostre. The cross, which for Christians symbolises the crucifix, also had its origins in pagan times, when it was a sign of the four seasons. Hot cross buns were marked with a cross to represent the four seasons. In Roman times, hot cross buns were baked in honour of Diana, goddess of the moon. Their shape, then as now, was round like the full moon, and the cross cut into it was to mark the four quarters of the moon.

Many culinary customs have become entwined with the Easter celebrations, with regional variations throughout Europe. However, most revolve around three main ingredients, symbolic of the religious message of Easter: bread, eggs and lamb.



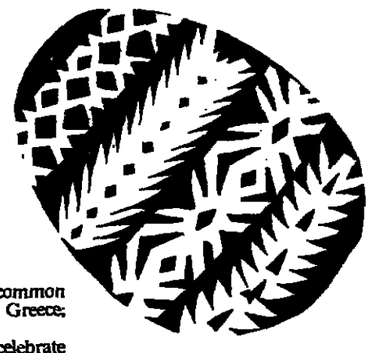
Bread, the staff of life, comes in sweet yeast form: hot cross buns in England are traditionally baked on Good Friday, a custom which began after the Reformation: then there is the *lambropsomo* in Greece; the *kulich* in Russia; the *colombo pasquale* in Italy and the *babka* in Poland, to name but a few. Some loaves are plaited to represent the rope that Judas hanged himself with, others are stuffed with eggs or simply marked with a cross.

Eggs are an ancient symbol of creation and now an international symbol of Easter. They represent rebirth and the generation of new life. In many countries they are painted, a tradition which dates back to the 4th century, perhaps as a result of the fast of Lent, when it was forbidden to eat eggs.

From the prohibition of eggs comes the tradition of Shrove Tuesday pancakes. It was a method of using up what eggs there were in the house before the 40-day abstinence. Eggs laid during Lent were hard-boiled or blown, and used for games or as decorations. In Greece eggs for Easter are dyed deep red to represent the blood of Christ. In Poland, there is a custom of decorating eggs using the metal tip of a shoe lace dipped in hot wax to draw intricate patterns on the eggshell. The eggs are then dipped in dye and the wax removed, leaving colourful designs. These eggs are called *pisanki*.

In England, eggs laid on Easter day were supposed to have special powers. The shells were crushed and sprinkled on the ground wherever seeds were planted.

The paschal lamb, slaughtered at the Jewish Passover, has been adopted by the Christian world as a symbol of Christ as the Lamb of God, the sacrificial lamb. In Poland, a white lamb, made of sugar, is the traditional centrepiece at an Easter meal. This is purely decorative and is seldom eaten. They come in various sizes, some as small as a thimble, others as long as 3ft. Elsewhere, lamb is common Easter fare: barbequed in Greece; roasted in England.



For those wishing to celebrate Easter in a typically Polish way, preparations have to start early. The white lamb need not be made anew, but it has to stand on a bed of cress and this must be freshly sown. A piece of linen should be smeared with clay and then put over an upturned bowl. Sow the cress on the clay and water it well. After a few weeks, it will be beautifully green and make a handsome contrast to the white lamb. On the culinary front, *kwas* (sour-beet juice) must be made in time for it to ferment before adding it to the traditional Easter *barszcz* (soup).

Then there are the cakes. Childhood memories of Easter in this part of Europe always seem to be tinged with the aroma of saffron and vanilla and dusted with a fine sprinkling of flour. The baking of *babki*, an essential part of the Easter preparations, was always surrounded by tremendous ceremony. Silence had to prevail while these tall fluted yeast cakes were in the oven. Trouble was meted out to anybody who unwittingly let a door slam, thereby threatening the collapse of the cake and with it the cook's reputation.

One or two of the many varieties of *mazurki* also normally grace the Easter table. These are flat cakes, made of crispy pastry and topped with a paste of nuts, dried fruit or sweet jams and spiced with vanilla, lemon or orange.

On Saturday morning, food for the Easter feast is blessed by the priest. At one time, the priest would travel around his parish, sprinkling holy water over the food laid out on the tables of the larger houses. Now, everybody, young and old, goes to the local church carrying little baskets, in which is a representation of the Easter food to be blessed: a slice of cake; a piece of smoked sausage, which will later go into the hunter's stew or *bigos*, often served at Easter; perhaps a piece of fruit and always a hard-boiled egg or two. This food is called *swiecone* (blessed). After the service of resurrection, before the Easter meal begins, these blessed eggs are shared between the family and friends present.

On Good Friday and the Saturday before the Easter Mass, the traditional diet is one of herring and a plain *zur* (sour rye soup). In the days when meat was forbidden during the entire 40 days of Lent, the sight of herring became too much for some people. On Good Friday, those villagers who felt strongly enough would take revenge, and herring would be hung on the branch of a tree for punishment that "for six weeks it had ruled over meat, starving the human stomach with its meagre nourishment".



Easter Monday is known as *Smigus* or *Lany Poniedzialek*, "Pouring Monday". It is traditional on this day to sprinkle water on each other, probably because of the custom many years ago when people were christened only at Easter. What should, however, be a symbolic spring shower often turns out to be something with which Noah would have been familiar. Boys roam the streets armed with buckets and bottles full to overflowing, and the wise and elderly stay indoors.

ILLUSTRATIONS, CHRISTINE SIMPSON

FIT FOR A KING



PRESUMABLY this cake is royal because it was eaten by Polish kings and queens.

Royal cake (Mazurek Krolewski)

(serves 8)

9oz/250g butter
6 egg yolks
14oz/400g ground almonds
9oz/250g plain flour
9oz/250g caster sugar
butter for greasing
3oz/50g almond flakes

For the pastry, cream the butter thoroughly in a bowl, mix in the yolks one by one and add the ground almonds, making sure they are completely incorporated. Sift the flour into the bowl and mix well. Stir in the sugar. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F, gas mark 5. Roll the dough out to form a circle about 8in (20cm) in diameter. Grease a cake tin or baking tray and place the dough in it. Decorate with almond flakes, placed close together. Cook for about 30 minutes, until lightly browned and firm to the touch.

● *From* The Polish Kitchen *by Mary Pininska (Macmillan, £10.99).*

Where Gower sells its treasure

Sarah Woodward samples the wares of local smallholders in Swansea market



Christian Phelps's display of fish rivals Harrods

Swansea market has stood on the same site since the 1830s, although its Victorian founders would hardly know where to find it today, hidden away in a covered hall off a pedestrianised shopping street. But ask anyone and they will point you to it, for Swansea market plays an important role in the life of the town. This is still a place where smallholders come to sell their own produce, where much of what is on offer has come from the waters off the Gower peninsula or the farms of the hills behind, where people have time to stop and chat. It is, above all, a friendly place.

For a guide to local cheeses, call at Curds and Whey, run by John Driver since 1984. Although he moved across the border in the 1970s, he still classes himself as an immigrant. But with the new arrival's enthusiasm, he has made himself the friend and champion of Welsh cheese. One of his best sellers is Llanboidy, made by Sue Jones in the village of that name near Carmarthen, in Dyfed. Nellie Jones, a diminutive Frenchwoman living in nearby Gowerton, makes vegetarian soft goat cheese.

In spring, don't miss the new season's lamb, from one of the several butchers in the market. And there are four fishmongers as well, perhaps the best of whom is Christian Phelps (trading as D. Smitham & Sons), whose daily display rivals that at Harrods.

But the best treat of all stands in the very centre of the market: a hexagon of cockle stalls. These are family affairs, belonging to the Pen-clawdd cockle pickers, who for generations have gathered shellfish from the sands of the Gower peninsula, cooked up the laver bread (fried seaweed), which is the traditional accompaniment, and brought both to the market for sale.

Typical is Blodwin Rhys, who still helps out her niece, Maureen Murley, by serving on the stall a couple of times a week. Mrs Murley's mother is now 89 and gave up the stall three years ago; at 79, Mrs Rhys feels she has plenty of years left. Until she was 56, she touted her cockles around the valleys in baskets carried on her back.

The cockles are gathered at low tide, far out on the sands. Stand quietly and you can hear the cockles "sing" as they release air. Today, tractors rather than Welsh cobs drag the cockle carts back to Penclawdd for preparation, and it is a while since the cockles were prepared out of doors over open fires in vats bought from gypsies, as Mrs Rhys remembers. But little else has changed. Each family has its own "factory" out at Penclawdd, small sheds in which the cockles are cleaned, boiled and stripped for the market, while the laver bread bubbles in a separate pot.

Not for much longer. European Community regulations require purification procedures that are beyond the means of family businesses. They are closing down their sheds and grouping together to fund one large factory that will meet EC standards. At the moment it is not clear what effect this will have on the individual stalls on the market — if they prepare the cockles communally, will they continue to sell them separately?

Already there has been one sad change. Since January of this year, the families have not been allowed to sell the cockles in their shells, only ready prepared. And as Mrs Rhys knows from long experience: "They're so much nicer when you cook them yourself."

Cockles with bacon and laver bread

(serves 4 as a snack)

8 rashers streaky green bacon
4 slices bread for toast
8oz/225g shelled cockles, preferably not preserved in vinegar
4oz/115g laver bread — available in tins from delicatessens
1 tbsp chopped parsley
1 lemon

Chop the bacon into bite-sized pieces, including the fat. Over a gentle heat, fry until the fat runs. Meanwhile, toast the bread. Add the cockles to the bacon and fry for a minute or two. Add the laver bread and seasoning to taste. Cook, stirring, for a couple of minutes, then add the parsley and lemon juice to taste.

● *Swansea Market is open every day, 8.30am-5pm, except Sunday. Closed Easter Monday.*

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New blood: John Driver, of Curds and Whey in Swansea market, champions the cause of Welsh cheeses, although he is "an immigrant"

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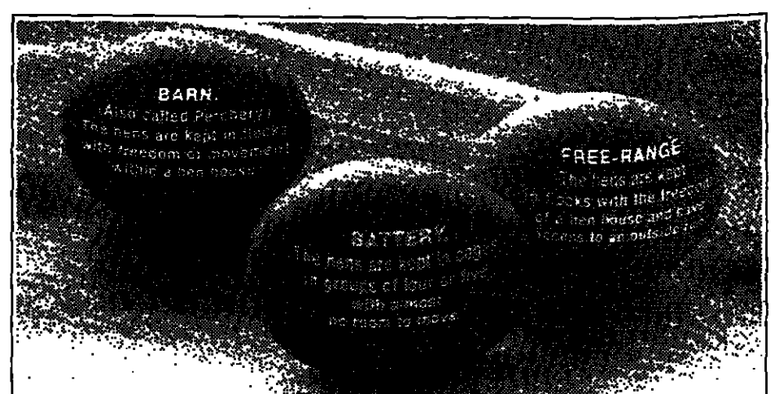
FOOD PROGRAMMED
Kim's
12 Red Lion Street, Richmond, Surrey (081-948 5777)
Derek Cooper of *The Food Programme* recommends Suzie Kim's Malaysian and Nonya cooking (and Malaysian and Singapore airline staff approve). Recently introduced Sunday buffet lunches are so popular that booking is essential. Favourites with customers are the *satay* and hot *laksa* (fermented fish and tamarind) soup. Set menus from £11.50 for two to £17 each. Cash lunch menu, £4.50. Sunday buffet, £6.95. Open 12-2.30pm, and 6-11pm seven days a week, but not bank holidays.

PRIMROSE PATH
Primrose Brasserie
101 Regents Park Road, London NW1 (071-483 3765)
A brasserie with no beer! All alcoholic drinks are bring-your-own at this — shall we say café? — serving central European and Russian-Jewish fuel food. A hearty three-course meal for under a tenner, though "Gypsy Russian music" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights attracts a 50p cover charge. Open seven days a week, noon-10.30pm. Payment by credit card is not accepted.

REGIONAL ROMP
Northcote Manor
Northcote Road, Langho, Blackburn, Lancashire (0254 240555)
In the Ribble Valley, Nigel Haworth introduced new menus this week, including black pudding and buttered trout with nettle sauce; collared pork (pickled, with cow heel) with pea purée and cabbage and smoked bacon salad; chicken with rhubarb and basil stuffing; his latter-day hotpot, lamb shanks with onions served on crisp potatoes; and Rossendale valley pudding. Whoever said the North was dull? You should reckon to spend £25 to £30 a head. Open noon-1.30pm (2pm on Sundays) and 7-9.30pm (10pm on Saturdays), seven days a week.

FACE LIFT
Daphne's
112 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (071-589 4257 or 584 6883)
Mogens Tholstrop, the owner, of Est has laid hands on Daphne's, which re-opened fully this week with a radical re-design by Emily Todhunter, including an "all-year-round garden". Food from modern Italy rather than traditional France, but prices for Major's Britain (around £25 a head). The manager is Annie Foster-Firth (formerly of Ménage á Trois and Halcyon Hotel), and the chef, Eddie Baines, worked at the River Café before Bibendum, Emporio Armani Express, and Est. Open seven days a week, noon-3pm and 7-11.30pm.

PARROT CALL
Majors
3a Church Street, Coggeshall, Essex (0376-563330)
Not named after the person you might first think of. Stephen Howlett says the name comes from Major Mitchell's cockatoos whose portrait is on the wall. Two-course lunches £5.95. Friday and Saturday set dinners £16.95. The food is advertised "*nouvelle* presentation in healthy portions." Tuesday to Saturday, 12-1.45pm and 7-9.30pm.



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Cracking Spanish bar bites

Frances Bissell discovers the secret of those tasty, egg-based *tapa* snacks



THE Spanish have a way with egg dishes, which translates readily into inexpensive food for casual entertaining over Easter. Gastronomic research for this article was carried out rigorously one Sunday afternoon in Jerez, going from bar to bar trying various specialities in the company of Bartolo Vergara, of the Sherry Institute, José Antonio Valdespino, the chef and brother of Miguel, who runs one of the few family-owned bodegas left in Jerez, and Tom, my intrepid husband.

In Spain, a bar is not, in fact, called a tapas bar, but a *tapa*, or *tapita*, which is what you are served, often free, when you order a drink. Larger portions are *raciones*. Scrambled eggs made with a variety of flavourings — wild asparagus, shrimps, ham, beans or mushrooms — are called *huevos revueltos*. An earthenware bowl of hot soup made of bread, water and garlic with an egg lightly cooked in it is called *Ajo caliente* or *sopa di ajo*.

In Bar Juanito we ate a fine tortilla with herbs and *canutilla*, or spinal cord. At Bar Bigote in Sanlucar, Fernando and Paco served the freshest fish and shellfish, caught off Cadiz, including a small, sole-like fish called *acedias*. In other bars we ate different sorts of eggs, *huevos de pescado* or fish roe —the smaller roes of hake, not the large cod roes with which most of us are familiar. In Andalusia, they are simply floured, seasoned and deep-fried or grilled, and they are excellent.

The best dish of all was Manolo's *ensaladilla* at Bar las Bridas in Jerez. We turned our noses up at it to begin with: who wants egg mayonnaise when you can have *calamares, salmonetes* (baby red mullet), monkfish liver and *revuelto de camarones*? Then we noticed how everyone who came into the bar ordered a *racion de ensaladilla* before anything else. We weakened. The dish was sublime: a suave, smooth, rich mouthful; Manolo's interpretation of Russian salad, prawns, potatoes and carrots in a creamy mayonnaise. Our friends were amused when we told them the story. "But it is the best . . . everyone goes there for the *ensaladilla*," they said.

When we got home from Andalusia I spent much time cooking various egg dishes and working out the recipes that follow, using readily available ingredients. You might not want to serve three egg dishes at one sitting so, for variety, add some olives, sliced, cured sausage or chorizo and, perhaps, some deep-fried squid rings.

With all these dishes, I would recommend a cool, fino — Valdespino's Inocente or Osborne's Quinta, bearing in mind the Jerezano saying: "One before eleven, and eleven after one". The first *copita* of the day is often not a fino, which some find too acidic at that hour, but a dry amontillado or oloroso. It is a nice convention.

Ensaladilla

(serves 6-8)

2lb/900g waxy potatoes
1 carrot
½lb/230g peeled prawns
¼ pt/140ml fresh mayonnaise, lightly seasoned

Boil the potatoes until tender. When cool enough to handle, peel and dice, and then chop very small. Drop the carrot into boiling water, and cook for two to three minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water. Chop the prawns into small pieces. Mix with the potatoes and carrots, and fold in the mayonnaise, thinned down if needed with two to three tablespoons of hot water. If this looks like potato salad, you have got it wrong: it should look like egg mayonnaise, the carrot resembling flecks of egg yolk.

Huevos revueltos de habas con jamon (Scrambled eggs with beans and ham)

(serves 4-6)

14oz/400g lima or flageolet beans, canned, frozen or dried, and then soaked and pre-cooked
3oz/85g cured ham, such as prosciutto or jamon Iberico
8 free-range eggs
freshly ground black pepper
1-2tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Drain the beans and shred the ham. Beat the eggs and season with a little freshly-ground black pepper: the ham will probably add enough saltiness. Beat the eggs and stir in the beans and ham. Heat the oil in a heavy frying pan, but do not have it hot; the eggs should cook gently to a creamy consistency. Tip the egg mixture into the pan and cook, stirring continuously until just set. Serve immediately. Any leftovers make an excellent filling for a wholemeal bun.

Huevos marinero (Baked seafood and eggs)

(serves 6 as a main course, many more as a tapa)

good pinch of saffron threads
1 onion, peeled and sliced
4tbsp olive oil
2-3 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
1-2tbsp finely chopped parsley
¼ pt/110g manzanilla or fino sherry
½ pt/280ml fish or light vegetable or chicken stock
1lb/455g dogfish or huss, skinned, boned and cut up
½lb/230g prepared squid rings
½lb/230g lightly steamed fresh mussels, prepared weight
½lb/230g peeled prawns
¼lb/110g shelled peas
6 free-range eggs

Soak the saffron threads in a little hot stock. Gently fry the onion in the olive oil until golden brown. Add the garlic and then the parsley, sherry and stock. Put in the dogfish and squid and poach gently for five to six minutes. Transfer the fish to an earthenware bowl, or individual bowls. Stir in the mussels, prawns and peas and slide a raw egg into each bowl. Bring the stock to the boil and pour into the bowls. Place in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350 F, gas mark 4, for five to ten minutes. Serve very hot.

To make very small *tapas*-like versions, cut the pieces of dogfish quite small and the squid rings in quarters, and use quails eggs in place of hens' eggs.

ALTHOUGH not made with eggs, these small shrimp pancakes, which are native to Cadiz, look and sound as if they should be, and make an ideal snack with drinks.

Tortillitas de camarones

1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
1-2tbsp parsley, finely chopped
3tbsp extra virgin olive oil
good pinch of pimento or paprika
1oz/30g flour
¼ pt/70ml water
good pinch of salt
¼lb/110g peeled prawns, finely chopped
olive oil for frying

Gently cook the onion and parsley in the olive oil until the onion is soft. Add the paprika. While the onion is cooking, make a batter of the flour, water and salt. Stir in the prawns and the onion mixture. Heat the oil in a frying pan, no more than ¼in/0.5cm deep, and, when hot, drip in tablespoons of the batter a few at a time. Flatten the pancakes with a spatula and then fry on both sides until the pancakes are a golden brown. Drain off the oil before serving.

HERE is a Jerezano-style bread pudding, similar to French toast and *pain perdu*, and one of those marvellous dishes that can be enjoyed at almost any meal.

Jerezano bread pudding

(serves 6-8)

12 slices bread
⅓ pt/200ml fino or amontillado sherry
3 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
2oz/60g unsalted butter or 4tbsp olive oil

To serve

icing sugar and honey or Pedro Ximenez sherry

Trim the crust from the bread and cut into triangles. Dip each into the sherry and then into the beaten egg. Heat the butter or oil in a frying pan and fry the bread until golden brown on both sides. Drain the slices on paper towels and serve piled high on a serving dish, sprinkled with icing sugar and some honey — or the rich, dark, grapy-sweet sherry trickled over the bread. Serve very hot.

THE meal on my flight to Seville provided the inspiration for this fruity, refreshing way to end a meal. It is coloured yellow and red, like the Spanish flag. Arrange slices of peeled navel oranges and Huelva strawberries on a platter, splashed, if you like, with mature sherry vinegar or a little orange juice. For an airline dessert, it was impressive, fresh, seasonal, appetising and, with its strong local overtones, entirely appropriate. Would that all airline food was the same.

ON AN entirely different eggy note, salmon roe makes a simple and elegant start to a meal. Serve it with toast and unsalted butter, thick yoghurt, soured cream or *crème fraiche*. Make small pancakes, griddle cakes or blinis if you have more time. Or, try small choux paste buns, split open and filled with one of the creams and a spoonful of salmon roe. Marks & Spencer stocks salmon roe in 20 of its stores throughout Britain. It costs £6.50 for 100 grams and comes from Denmark.



DIANA LEADBETTER

Easter eggs, wine and humbug

It's nonsense to say wine and eggs — even chocolate ones — do not go together, **Jane MacQuitty** reports

EASTER eggs, whether chocolate or otherwise, can and do go with wine. Yet many wine drinkers maintain that hens' eggs, let alone the chocolate variety, mar, not marry, with wine. Even Hugh Johnson, in his masterly pocket wine book, says: "They clash with most wines and spoil good ones."

Nevertheless, Mr Johnson is happy to serve a white burgundy with a fish soufflé, and red burgundy with a cheese soufflé, and can bring himself "to drink champagne with scrambled eggs as a last resort". Well, who couldn't?

Having for years drunk wine with eggs, I think this is all humbug. Even my sister-in-law's laid-that-day farm eggs, with their deep yellow yolks and wonderfully full flavour, have taken happily to all manner of wines I have thrown at them.

The myth of eggs being unsuitable for wine probably stems from the days when rotten eggs, with their foul hydrogen sulphide odour, were much more common than they are now. These days, I may not want to serve my finest wines with eggs, but that is mainly because I would prefer to serve grander fare with them. Any other bottle, though, is fair game.

Indeed, I would worry about serving wine only with duck eggs, which have a slightly fishy flavour. But that is probably more to do with a lack of a properly fresh supply, because every year the new season's gulls' eggs, which definitely have the scent of the sea, go down well in our household with the best chablis or Côte d'Or white burgundy I can afford. If anything, delicately flavoured quail eggs are easier to partner with wine than hens' eggs.

Certainly, the French have not fallen foul of this nonsense and happily serve up their best bottles as partners to every egg dish, from omelettes to the grandest of soufflés.

In Burgundy, *oeufs en meurette*, an impossibly rich dish of eggs poached in a red wine sauce, is regularly served with the best red burgundies to no ill effect with either wine or egg. My only advice here to those who intend to serve good wine alongside a dish garnished with a rich hollandaise or mayonnaise is to make certain that the wines you choose have high, or highish, acidity, otherwise the end result is too liverish.



Perfect partners: the French happily serve up their best bottles to every egg dish

One point worth noting is to avoid putting cooking utensils covered with raw egg into the same washing-up bowl as dirty wine glasses. The protein in eggs froths up with detergent and deposits an invisible film on glass that goes undetected until the next time you pour wine into it, at which point a horrid, fish tank-like taint is obvious. Occasionally, you can get the same sulphurous tainted glass odours with items that have come in to contact with cooked eggs.

Chocolate Easter eggs present no difficulties with wine either: just make certain you choose the right wines. Most white wines fail miserably, as their flavour is usually wiped out entirely by dark chocolate, and even tastes neutral alongside chunks of sticky milk chocolate.

Red wines are what you should be aiming for, preferably robust, gorgeous ones, such as the magnificent 1989 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, Villa Maria Reserve from New Zealand's Hawkes Bay region. This red, with its deliciously pepper and cassis flavours, is a wow with dark chocolate and can even tackle *Grains d'Arôme*, those fashionable and powerful French crunchy coffee beans covered in dark chocolate. This top red is about one-third Merlot to Cabernet grape variety and has been aged for almost 18 months in oak. At £11.99 from Thresher Wine shops only, it is expensive, but it will make a good partner with the Easter lamb.

At the other end of the red wine scale is the 1992 Gamay Vin de Pays des Côteaux des Baronnies, Les Ramerottes, a well-priced Easter red from Sainsbury's at £2.99. This satellite rhône red, packed with splendid, spicy, raspberry and cherry fruit, is made from the Beaujolais gamay grape and is the Easter present every household should give itself. Although it struggles slightly with the *Grains d'Arôme*, it goes down well with most British dark chocolate.

Italy has plenty of answers to Beaujolais and its reds, because of its wines' chocolatey fruit and snap of bitterness on the finish, which often go down well with chocolate. So try the sweet, ripe, plummy fruit of the splendid Villa Rocca Rosso del Veneto, a snip at Majestic Wine Warehouses at £2.59 (on special offer until May 2). It should work well with milk or plain chocolate.

Higher up the Italian quality scale at Majestic is the 1988 Amarone della Valpolicella, from Tedeschi, whose hefty, chocolatey, mature taste is definitely ready for drinking now, and perfect with dark chocolate Easter eggs. It's not cheap at £8.49, but as the reciotto amarone, or dried-grape version of valpolicella, takes much more time and effort than straight valpolicella, it is probably worth it.

Good, straightforward white wine purchases this Easter weekend include Sainsbury's pleasant South African Colombard (£3.25) from the Vredenal Co-operative, whose punchy, zesty style should go down well with most egg dishes, as would the equally spring-like, fresh, floral 1992 Gyöngyös Estate Sauvignon blanc from Hungary (Safeway £3.25, Sainsbury's and Thresher £3.29, Majestic £3.39.

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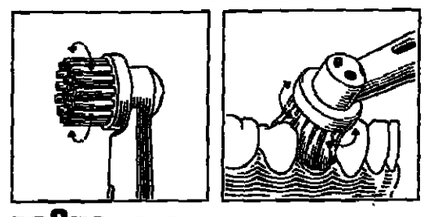
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Bambi in firing line

Deer numbers need urgent control. Julia Llewellyn-Smith reports

Half the red deer in the Cairngorms should be shot, reports a working party chaired by Magnus Magnusson. If they are not, the Highland landscape could face ruin.

Deer were once regarded as saucer-eyed Bambis, but over the past few years they have come to be seen as pests, on a par with rats or squirrels. The problem is that a series of mild winters has led to a huge increase in deer numbers, which the environment cannot sustain. Hillsides are being eroded and pine forests destroyed in the animals' search for food. Many smaller creatures, such as the red grouse, are losing their habitat.

There are thought to be about 300,000 red deer on the Scottish hillsides, and about 200,000 roe deer in the woodlands. Some experts say that 150,000 is the maximum the land can bear without damage.

Culling, however, is an expensive exercise, requiring trained stalkers, four-wheel-drive vehicles and a larder in which to stock venison. A cull is something which many landowners are not prepared, or cannot afford, to invest in.

For the past 40 years, Andrew de Nahlik has been predicting such a situation. A Polish war hero and a former big-game warden, he has been at the forefront of advocating scientific culling of deer, by making exact estimates, rather than by random shooting. In 1958, when his first book on deer management was published, his ideas were regarded suspiciously as continental. It is only recently that the authorities have begun to heed his suggestions.

"I can speak with a degree of distance, because I'm not British," he says, in his almost-perfect English. "But they say what do I know?"

Wing Commander de Nahlik may not have the right accent, but he has the experience. He claims to have shot nearly 2,000 deer, as well as the odd elephant, zebra and wildebeest during a five-year period in Kenya. He started more than 60 years ago, when he shot his first hind on his father's estate in eastern Poland, where he spent a childhood surrounded by deer and wild boar.

ADRIAN BROOKS



On watch: Andrew de Nahlik urges scientific culling

> 'If we don't preserve the woodland habitat, the deer will eat themselves out of a home'

When the second world war began, such times seemed lost forever: "There were other things to stalk and shoot." He fought in the Polish artillery and air force, was deported to Russia when his resistance activities were discovered, and from there escaped on foot to Hungary, on to France and eventually to Britain, where he spent the rest of the war flying in a fighter squadron.

After the war, he was ready to go home, but discovered that his village had been swallowed up by the Soviet Union. He accepted a commission with the RAF. "I contributed towards winning the war, but I couldn't win back my country," he says.

During these postwar years, Wg Cdr de Nahlik, armed with new information from postings in Germany and Kenya, consolidated his expertise on deer and produced a series of books and articles. He became the red deer expert of the British Deer Society, where he worked to improve standards among stalkers and devised a syllabus for deer management which is gradually being taken on by agricultural institutions.

Now, aged 73, he appears to be settled in semi-retirement in a two-storey prefab in Andover, Hampshire. A zebra skin hanging from the wall alongside rows of antlers are the only clues to his hunting past. These days, action centres on his office, rather than in the field. He spends much of his time advising landowners how to manage deer so that they become a tourist attraction, not a nuisance.

At the same time, he is in constant touch with the Forestry Commission, which, he feels, has done little to consider deer in the context of its new afforestation policy, which aims to double the amount of woodland by the middle of the next century.

That new, attractive habitats are being created without the necessary research, such as that carried out by the Cairngorms Working Party headed by Mr Magnusson, worries Wg Cdr de Nahlik. He is, therefore, encouraging the commission to plan open spaces in its new forests, so that deer can be culled humanely and safely.

The commission maintains that all forest managers are trained to handle deer and to cull objectively. "They do all sorts of horrid things, such as count dung, to work out how many deer live there," a spokeswoman says.

Wg Cdr de Nahlik warns that unless such measures are rigidly applied, a delicate ecosystem is at risk. "If the deer are allowed to multiply, then we will have to stop planting trees right away. That will be the public's loss. And if we don't preserve the woodland habitat, the deer will vanish. They will eat themselves out of a home."

Deer stalkers, he says, perform a vital role in maintaining this balance. He carried on stalking long after his health permitted, because he saw it as a duty. "People say we are a bloodthirsty lot, but we are more conscious of habitat and wildlife than all the people who talk about it," he says.

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Harmony in variety

Camellias shine best in the context of other plants, **Francesca Greenoak** reports

You do not have to live in Cornwall or be a specialist to grow camellias well. In their smallish garden, Tarn, in Northwood, southeast of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, Doreen Solley and her husband grow a huge range of flowering plants and shrubs, of such quality that the garden has been selected to be part of the display at the International Spring Gardening Fair at Wembley this weekend.

Camellias grow among magnolias, corylopsis and rhododendrons. Carpeting the ground beneath them bloom many different kinds of cyclamen, dog's-tooth violet, and the delicious blue-flowered cultivar of the wood anemone known as Robinsonia. You hardly know whether to look up or down. Garlanding the front porch is a tall bush of the camellia "Inspiration". "It has bloomed since February, although it normally flowers from April to May," Mrs Solley says. This rich pink *williamsii* hybrid is her favourite for its hardiness, good form and long flowering season.

Although Mrs Solley is a long-standing member of the International Camellia Society, she sees herself primarily as a plants-woman, not a specialist camellia grower. Her camellias blend with other shrubs, trees and herbaceous plants, and although she has about 75 camellias, some rather rare, they make their effect within the overall balance of the garden.

Beside a shapely corylopsis, just about to burst into its spring luminescence, is a beautiful camellia called "Jury's Yellow", with delicious creamy-yellow flowers on a dense bush. Near it is a large bush with single, pink, bell-shaped flowers, called "Barbara Jane".

None of the spring camellias grown outdoors in Britain is scented, but other shrubs at Tarn make up for this deficit: the flower-covered *Daphne odora* "Aureo-marginata" by the south wall, for example. Near to the house is an unbelievably large daphne "Jacqueline Postill" that Hillier Nurseries, which bred it, reckons to be the best scented of all, but which is rather difficult to establish.

Mrs Solley transported many of her favourites from her previous home in Hampstead, north London, 20 years ago, but a well-grown magnolia was already established on the lawn at Tarn. Near it she grew a cherry tree with light open shape and pale pink blooms (*Prinus pendula* "Pendula Rubra"), which looks exquisite with narcissi and deep blue *Scilla sibirica* naturalised beneath. There are wisterias racing over the new pergola on the terrace, and every tree of any size is draped with clematis or climbing roses, creating a richly textured, all-season garden.

● *A pictorial display of Mrs Solley's garden is in the pergola exhibit in the camellia garden at the International Spring Gardening Fair. Guided tours of Tarn under the National Gardens Scheme on April 12 and 18, 2-6pm, and April 25 and May 31, 2-5.30pm. Also by appointment (0923 828373).*

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In full bloom: Doreen Solley takes a justified pride in the camellias in her garden in Northwood

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Eye-catching: red-hot poker

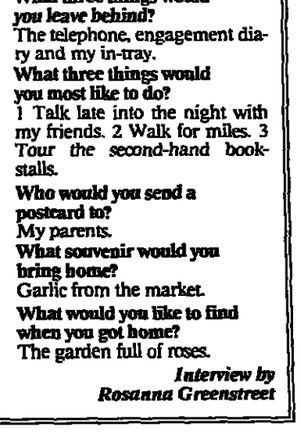
WEEKEND TIPS

- *Prune forsythia, flowering currants and other spring-flowering shrubs.*
- *Sow flowering greenhouse conservatory plants, such as browallia, abutilon, torenia and* Campanula isophylla.
- *Dig deep-rooted weeds, such as dandelions, from lawns.*
- *Plant any bare-rooted trees or bushes without delay.*
- *Plant asparagus crowns during the next few weeks.*
- *Remove straying raspberry suckers.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

ELIZABETH ESTEVE-COLL

Director of the V&A museum



Where would you go?
Toulouse in France, the rose pink city of the south. I first visited it as a student, when I stayed with a family near by to improve my French. Toulouse is close to the Pyrenees, the Minervois and Corbières. It has some wonderful buildings, especially St Sernin church, Musée Paul Dupuy and the Musée des Augustins, which is full of Romanesque sculpture.

How would you get there?
By Air France from Heathrow. Toulouse is one of the nicest, friendliest and most convenient airports I know.

Where would you stay?
Grand Hotel Capoul in Place Wilson, which is in the centre of Toulouse. There are plenty of cafés and good restaurants to choose from near by, and the hotel is within walking distance of St Sernin.

Who would be your perfect companion?
An old friend from childhood who is a painter and gets just as excited as I do about texture, colour and light.

What essential piece of clothing would you take?
It would depend on the time of year. In winter I would take a sheepskin jacket and a hat with ear-flaps, because it can be very cold. In summer it is very hot and anything goes.

Which medicines would you take?
None; the pharmacies in France are super-efficient.

What would you have to eat?
In winter, cassoulet — a wonderful local dish of haricot beans, sausage, garlic, herbs and preserved goose. In summer I would be spoilt for choice, with the seductive range of salad vegetables on sale in the market.

What would you have to drink?
A Vosne-Romanée 1985 or 1987.

Which books would you take?
Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie's *Montaillou* and Natalie Zemon Davis's *The Return of Martin Guerre* to recreate the atmosphere of Languedoc in the Middle Ages.

What film would you watch?
Marcel Pagnol's original film of *Jean de Florette*.

What music would you listen to?
Mozart's piano quintet K452.

Would you play any games or sport?
I would walk and walk and talk with my French friends.

What luxury would you take?
A cashmere polo-neck jumper — light and warm.

What piece of art would you like to look at?
The carved stone capitals of the bear hunt from the church of Notre Dame de la Daurade in the Musée des Augustins; their vitality always surprises me.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
An enthusiastic francophile from London!

Which journals or newspapers would you read?
Le Monde and *Midi Libre*, to get the national and local news.

What three things would you leave behind?
The telephone, engagement diary and my in-tray.

What three things would you most like to do?
1 Talk late into the night with my friends. 2 Walk for miles. 3 Tour the second-hand bookstalls.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My parents.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Garlic from the market.

What would you like to find when you got home?
The garden full of roses.

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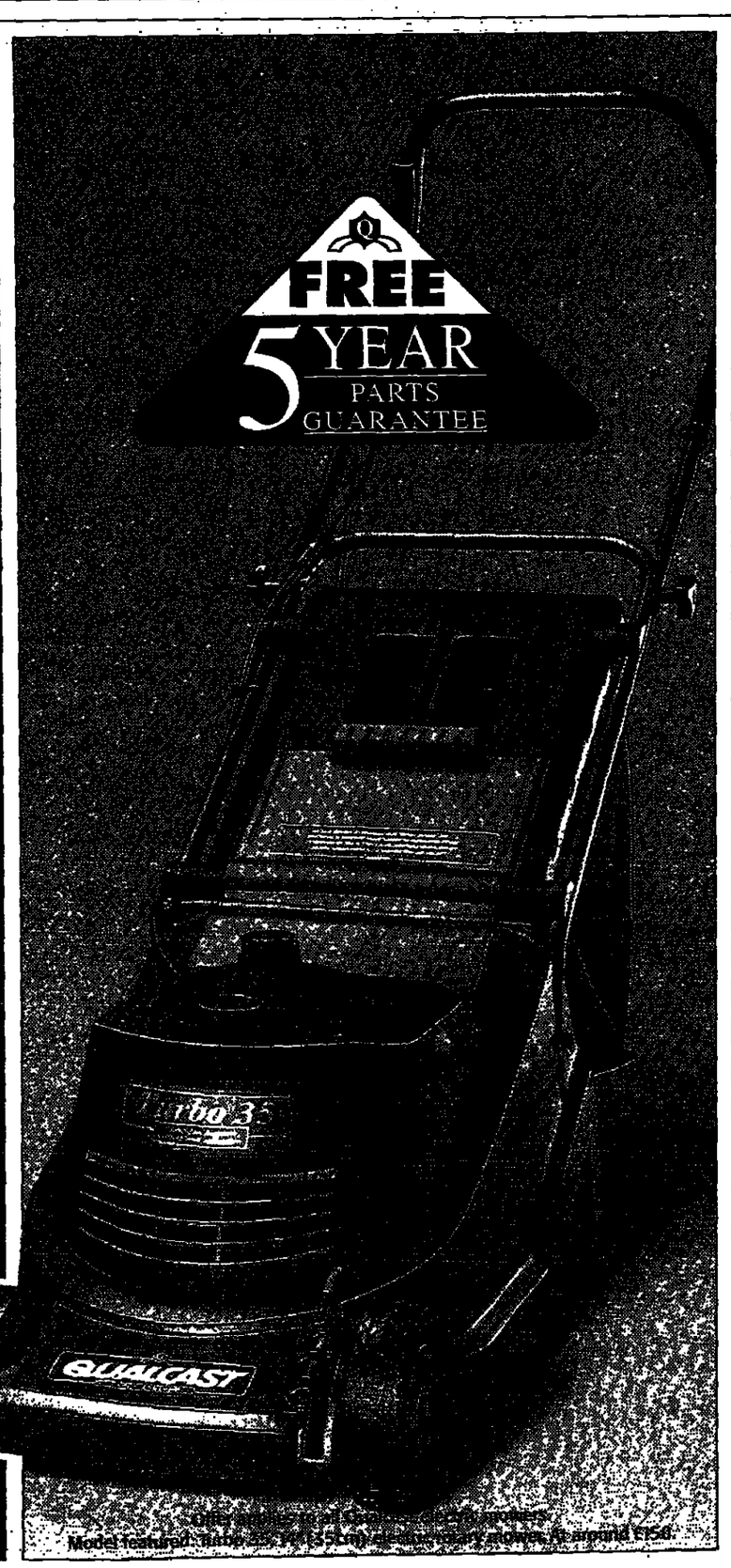
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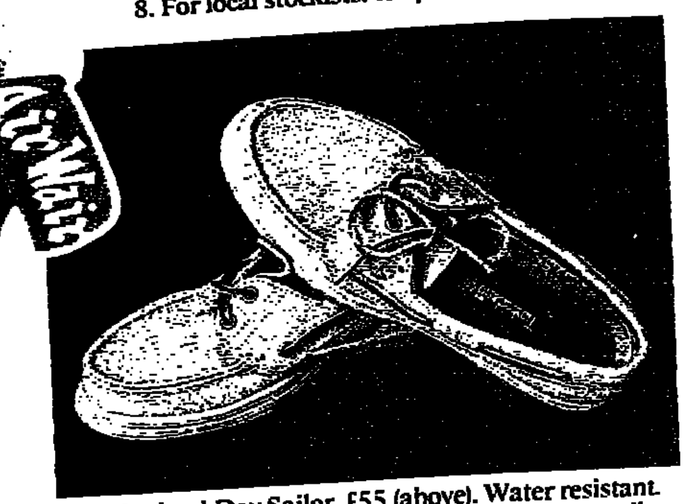
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LADIES

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LADIES

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PROFESSIONAL male, tall, attractive, 42, excellent life-style, romantic, seeks feminine sexy slim lady, 26-40, for lasting relationship & fun. Photo please & telephone number to Box No 1681

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GENTLEMEN

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A host of holiday highlights

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Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2.30pm. Adult £3, child, £2. The club invites new members aged six-12; membership, £3 (members can bring two guests).

● **BALLOON FESTIVAL:** Ascents at 7am and 4pm, and a classic car rally with more than 400 vehicles (tomorrow and Monday only) in the surroundings of Penshurst Place and Gardens. Also, venture playground, nature and farm trails, and toy museum.
Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge, Kent (leave A21 at Tonbridge North exit). Today-Mon. Grounds, 11am-6pm. House, midday-5.30pm. Adult £4.50, child £2.50.

● **CHICKEN POX:** Shen Roddie and Frances Cony's new touch-and-feel, pop-up hardback follows their previous book, *Hatch, Egg, Hatch!*
Tango Books, £7.99.

● **DISNEY:** *The Jungle Book*, the endearing 1967 classic, was the last animated film directed by Walt Disney himself and is reissued for the holiday (on general release).
Disney on television includes *DisneyTime* (BBC1, Mon, 5.05-5.45pm) and *Summer Magic* (1963), in which Hayley Mills and Burl Ives star in a family comedy about a mother of three who rebuilds her life after the death of her husband (ITV, Mon, 9.55am).

● **EGGOPOLIS** is the latest in walk-in pneumatic sculptures and is the centrepiece of the Spitalfields Easter fayre. Enter through an airlock into a labyrinth of passages. The tallest chamber, about 26ft high, features the "Spiral of Life", an Islamic pattern incorporating the main colours of Eggopolis.
The Old Spitalfields Market, Brushfield Street, London E1. Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm (information, 071-375 0441).

● **FIREWORKS:** Battersea Park, southwest London, offers an action-packed event tomorrow, including a 220-piece American marching band, the Red Devils freefall parachute team, kite-flying and fighting display, magic, laser and firework show, and egg-painting.
Battersea Park. Tomorrow, 10am-9pm. Adult £3, child £1.50, under-14s free. (Information, 071-580 0145).

● **GOLDILOCKS:** The Geffrye Museum's workshop "Making Goldilocks come to life" is designed to give toddlers a chance to explore the idea of scale through play. Part of an innovative series of workshops for all ages.
Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (071-739 9893). Tue-Sat, 10.30am-1pm and 2-4pm. Free.

● **HEROES AND HEROINES:** A four-day workshop, involving acting, writing and drama, explores historical and contemporary characters from Boadicea to Michael Jackson.
Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-372 6611). Tue-Fri, 11am-3.30pm. Tickets (for four days), £20.

● **IRAQI ARTILLERY PIECES** captured during the Gulf war are the latest addition to the Royal Armouries' range of fire-power. The season opens today, with the resident Portsdown Artillery Volunteers firing the 64-pounder rifled muzzle-loading gun.
The Royal Armouries Museum of Artillery, Down End Road, Fareham, Hampshire. (0329 233734). Today (firing day). Weekends and bank holidays, 10.30am-4.30pm.£2, £1.

● **JAPANESE INFLUENCE:** The Norwich Puppet Theatre presents a large-scale production of *The Dragon's Head* at the Polka Theatre, Wimbledon. Based on a play by the Spaniard Ramon del Valle Inclan, the staging uses Bunraku style puppetry (for over-sevens).
Polka Theatre, The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 (081-543 4888). Tue-Sat, 2pm and 5pm. £5.

● **KENTWELL HALL:** The moated Tudor manor house offers a historical Easter recreation with the Tudor bakery making hot cross buns, waffles, wafers and marzipan. Young lambs, piglets and calves on the Tudor farm.
Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, Suffolk (0787 310207). Today-Mon. 11am-6pm. Half-day tickets (enter 2.30pm-3.30pm) adult £5, child £2.50/£3.50.

● **LAMBING:** Watergate sheep farm has one of the largest collections of different breeds in Britain. During peak lambing season, children can feed and pet the lambs. Demonstrations of spinning and shearing. Craft fairs on some days (see picture).
Watergate Farm, Hockliffe, near Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire (on the A4012 between Hockliffe and Woburn) (0525 210708/ 211240). Today, Mon and April 17, 18, 24 and 25. Adult £2, child £1.

● **MIME:** "Tate Alive!" encourages participants to mime, draw and create stories about what they see in gallery pictures.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Tue-Thurs. Free.

● **NOTE THIS:** The London-based Albert and Friends Instant Circus is taking May half-term bookings for its circus-skills workshops (for five to 14-year-olds).
For details, call 081-741 5471.

● **OUTDOORS:** National Trust-organised events over Easter at various venues.
Wimpole Hall, Royston, Herfordshire (0223 207257): Mon; games, pony rides, farm. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 654822): today-Mon, 10.30am-4.30pm; crafts on the farm. Beningbrough Hall, York (0904 470666): today-Mon, 11am-4pm; treasure hunt. Dunwich Heath, Saxmundham, Suffolk (0728 73505): tomorrow, 6am: cliff-top service.

● **PIZZA:** The Chicago Pizza Pie Factory's "Sunday Fundays' stages entertainment for three to 10-year-olds, with an Easter egg hunt tomorrow.
The Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, 17 Hanover Square, London W1. Sundays, midday-5pm. Adult £10, child £6. Also in Dublin and Belfast.

● **QUIZ:** Treasure trail through the Imperial War Museum, with eggs hidden in strategic places.
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● **SEA SONGS AND SHANTIES:** Lancaster's Easter Maritime Festival brings together a rare gathering of the country's leading sea-song and shanty singers. Also, period puppet shows, clog dancing and guided walks.
St George's Quay (0524 32878). Today-Mon. Free. Admission charge only for the Maritime Museum.

● **TRAINS:** The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is holding a steam and teddy bear weekend. Bring a bear and go free on the Paddington Bear Express, with Easter presents for every child.
Also, the annual International Model Railway Exhibition in Westminster, London, opens today.
Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton Road Station, near Aylesbury (0296 75 720450). Tomorrow and Mon, 11am-6pm. Adults £4, child £2.50, family £11.
IMR exhibition, Royal Horticultural Society's Halls, London SW1 (071-828 5961). Today-Wed, 10.30am-6pm (except Tue, 10.30am-7pm). Adult £7, child £3.

● **USER-FRIENDLY:** The Unicorn Theatre in central London introduces ideas on recycling rubbish in the revival of Clive King's classic adventure story, *Stig of the Dump*, for over-fives.
Unicorn, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334). Today, 11am and 2.30pm; Wed-Fri, 2.30pm. £3.50-£6.50.

● **V & A:** Discover which animals appear in Chinese art and why; or explore the Korean countryside and birdlife, on the museum's Easter tours.
Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (071-938 8500). Tues-next Sat, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Voluntary donation.

● **WRITTEN BY THE PRINCE OF WALES:** The Prince provides the narration for (and is featured 3in tall in) *The Legend of Lochnagar*, an animation film based on a story he wrote at the age of 21. Robbie Coltrane provides the voice of the old man of Lochnagar.
BBC1, tomorrow, 5pm.

● **X-CHEQUER:** The Bank of England museum, housed in the centre of the bank, offers a piggy-bank competition (please bring your piggy-bank), and a variety of counting activities, with prizes to be won by the under-14s.
Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, EC2 (071-601 5545). Tomorrow, Mon 11am-5pm. Free.

● **YOUNGER** children should enjoy the Horniman Museum's informal exploration of music through percussion, games, rhymes and action songs.
Horniman Museum, London Road, London SE23 (081-699 1872). Tue-Fri, 10.30am-11.15am. £6 (booking essential).

● **ZOO:** Thousands of yellow plastic egg tokens will be hidden in Whipsnade's 600-acre park and can be exchanged for chocolate eggs. Also, a children's farm, seal and seal lion demonstrations, falconry displays, adventure playground, spring lambs, baby chimpanzees and newly born camels.
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The fighting art of growing up

Children's judo is much more than a rough-and tumble. It instils honour and self-respect, Sarah Carpenter says

Most children are attracted to judo by the chance to fight. "I like it because it's rough," says nine-year-old Andrew Stevenson (an orange belt). Watching him and his brother, Matthew (seven, a fourth *kai*), roll about the floor with their father in noisy rough-and-tumble, it is easy to see judo as simply extending a deep-rooted physical urge. But more than that, it controls and directs the energy by placing it in a formalised context.

Learning the right moves, and then applying them, keeps rough physical energy in check and seems to defuse any hectic excitement or anger. Falling and rolling come before throwing and holding; and judo, anyway, is not an impact sport involving striking, kicking or punching. *Judo literally means* "the compliant way", but is often translated as "the gentle sport", because force is not met with force. You ride with force, using your opponent's own strength against him.

The ceremonies of judo also attract children. You wear special strange clothes, speak in Japanese, are bound by an etiquette of bowing and ritual. The aim of this is to enhance control, but it also gives a seductive sense of "specialness" to child players, a kind of secret ritual for the cognoscenti which sets them apart. "I do like modern sports," Andrew says, "but I like all the Japanese because . . . , well, because it's old."

The ceremonial is part of a philosophy that good clubs teach at the same time as the fighting skills: a code of honour, of fairness and of mutual respect that is intriguingly different from everyday informality. Children laugh but are also genuinely proud to be able to chant: "I am a *judoka*, wearing a *judogi*, playing judo in the *dojo*."

Of course, as with anything children learn, they are heavily dependent on their teachers. Many judo clubs do well by children, but some do not, and chatting to parents and children reveals bad experiences as well as good — children who have been unsupported, hurt or simply bored. Teachers must understand children as well as they understand judo. Above all, for children judo is a game and must be fun. "If it's not fun, they won't come back," say Sheila and Jim Syrett, who teach at the Royal Commonwealth Pool Club in Edinburgh.

Good teachers see children *gaining far more* than just fighting skills. Mr and Mrs Syrett notice how children grow in self-esteem and assurance. "Judo is about individual achievement and skill," says Mr Syrett. "But that skill can only be exercised in a communal situation." So children learn social skills as well as individual ones, by training and working together.

Although judo caters for the desire to fight, it was first developed not as martial training but as a sport. As well as the ethos of a sport, it has the incentive of a glamorous merit system. From age six you can begin to climb an exciting ladder from *kais* to *mons* and coloured belts. If children reach competition level there may be *damaging* stresses: they can be pushed into an aggressive determination that may lead to tears and even injuries. Yet, if well-handled, competitions bring rewards to losers as well as winners. Comprehensively flattened at his first competition, Andrew was still able to claim: "Well, I lost, and I was nearly strangled, but I really enjoyed it."



Holding together: Matthew (left) and Andrew Stevenson

Getting a grip

- A good club for children is best found by word of mouth. Check that it is accredited by the relevant authority, which can also advise on local clubs: The British Judo Association, 7a Rutland Street, Leicester LE1 1RB (0533 559669). The Scottish Judo Federation, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh 12 (031-317 7270)
- David Mitchell's helpful book, *The Young Martial Artist* (Pelham Books, 1992), has informative sections on children in the martial arts and gives good general advice.
- Basic lessons can cost very little, starting from about £1 a session. If children remain interested, there are other costs, including annual charges for British Judo Association licences and annual club fees. Gradings and competitions also involve fees for each entry.







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WHAT TO WEAR

Chic on a shoestring is the new West Side story

Easter bonnets may still be fine for a parade, but New Yorkers are celebrating the new Democrat era with a burst of fashion individuality. Melinda Camber Porter checks out the cafés and clubs for softer signs of the times

New Yorkers appear to be saying their final goodbyes to the cold-hearted conformity and gluttonous shows of status that characterised the Republican era.

Even when there was no money left to keep on the country houses, the cars and designer clothes, they still tried desperately to follow fashion, often raising and lowering hemlines according to the dictates of the press. If they couldn't afford an Armani suit, they might be tempted to search one out from a designer discount outlet, or make a good copy. Clothes were still bought to express actual status, or a wistful hankering after a monied image. Endless books on "power dressing" proliferated and did well. Many shared the fantasy that the right clothes would produce the right job. Clothes could hide poverty and produce wealth.

But now, having finally succeeded in their perpetual quest to get a Democrat and a new set of values in the White House (this was one of the few states to vote for Dukakis in the previous election), New Yorkers seem confident, refreshed, and raring to explore their own powers of creativity.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the way they dress. Clothes are of sentimental value, often gifts from friends, and often from thrift (charity) stores. The recent fashions of grunge and bondage which designers latched on to are dismissed as mere whims. Mils, a 25-year-old photographic artist, says: "Fashion has become boring. It used to be inspired by musicians, but now it's not. The designers tried to latch on to the fashion of the streets and market it, but it doesn't work. The real fashion is in wearing what you like to wear." Dan Forer, a 35-year-old television producer, usually wear the "fleeces" and baseball caps he is given when reporting on sports events. He says: "I only wear what's comfortable." Make-up artist Justin Henri, 25, agrees: "Fashion is transient, I wear what I like."



Rolling home: Dan Forer glides on skates by Rollerblades in Central Park West

Francesca Dow, a 34-year-old writer I met in the Café Mozart on the Upper West Side, was apologetic that she was wearing a $500 pair of boots. "I can't afford to buy many clothes," she said. "When I got back from Greece I didn't have a cent in the bank so I couldn't buy anything. But when I do buy clothes they're good pieces. And I buy really very few. I inherited a lot of wonderful clothes from my grandmother, and I mix these with my new clothes."

Jennifer Andersen, an executive at Domino records, a label that sponsors new musicians, was colourfully dressed in clothes that were all either gifts, or borrowed, or made by friends or family. "I don't buy clothes," she told me proudly. Although she spends most of her evenings scouting for new music at the downtown clubs such as the Pyramid (where we met), the Fez Café and Sybarite, she doesn't see herself as being part of a particular scene. Nor does she have much time for keeping up with the fashions. "Fifteen-year-old kids seem to like uniforms. At one point it was torn jeans. Now it's grunge, those plaid shirts tied at the waist and the flattened, dirty hair. But that's an adolescent thing to want to wear what everyone else is wearing."

Despite a fierce desire not to conform to the images that are up for sale in the women's magazines and the fashion shows, New Yorkers seem rather sentimental about wearing clothes that remind them of the Sixties. Connie Fleming, a 25-year-old model, was wearing black lace bell-bottoms from Betsey Johnson; Mils and Jennifer also wore bell-bottoms. But a Sixties piece is mixed with anything and everything from any era and any style. Ms Dow's long, floral, almost transparent dress, and the transparent miniskirt and transparent black lace blouse worn by art photographer Joyce Baronio, all have a Sixties feel, but femininity is given full expression.

New Yorkers have long been used to shows of nudity, for even women lawyers and bank managers will jog down Fifth Avenue in the heat of the summer with little more than a sports bra and knickers. But the nudity was functional. It wasn't erotic, and it wasn't an expression of femininity. Now the tide is turning. Women are revelling in their erotic powers. It will be interesting to see what effect this will have in a city that never bats an eyelid when a woman like Ms Baronio walks by, revealing almost all.

Indifference and a trained nonchalance characterise the New Yorker. The playful flirtations that illuminate Parisian streets and cafés are alien to Manhattan. Fear of violence still runs deep in a city where the passer-by is required to know his or her way and vigilance is a way of life. But what will happen on the streets as women express more of their femininity, and more of their sexuality, in what they wear?

Ms Baronio, whom I met at the celebrated Café des Artists by Central Park West, is working on a book of photos, *Wetlands*, which explores the female and male nude in landscape. She is also the author of a book of photographs, *42nd Street Studio*, which described the inner world of the sex performers on 42nd Street.

"I'm not sure if it's yet politically correct to bare one's body and take pleasure in one's eroticism, but things are changing. In a violent city like New York, you might think I'm asking to be raped. But I don't think it's the case. People who are aware of their own bodies aren't victims and don't give out the message that they're victims."

When the spring comes Manhattan will take on the appearance of a Mediterranean city, with bustling sidewalk cafés, late-night shopping, and the eclectic and original designs of New Yorkers. Whether the new erotic and truly feminine designs will soften the atmosphere of the severe and indifferent metropolis is to be seen.

● *Melinda Camber Porter's most recent play,* Boat Child, *has just had its première at the Denver Centre of the Performing Arts*



FAR LEFT ABOVE

Joyce Baronio, 47, art photographer, outside Cafe des Artistes, Central Park West, wears: straight-brimmed hat, $22; single ear-ring, $28; red jacket, $10; sheer antique lace blouse, $50; white gloves; old riding belt, $12; tartan skirt, $14; boots $55 (all from thrift shops)

FAR LEFT CENTRE

Jennifer Anderson, 34, record company executive, in East Greenwich Village, wears: hat made by her sister; shades, on the street, $10; black jacket "made by a groupie"; lime satin blouse, "a gift"

FAR LEFT BELOW

Justin Henry, 25, make-up artist, outside the Pyramid club, wears: Kangol cap, $45; zip jacket, $25; thermal underwear, $20; jeans, $30 (from local downtown stores)

LEFT ABOVE

Connie Fleming, 27, part-time model, in East Greenwich Village wears: Kangol cap, $30; shades, off the street $10; leather jacket, "borrowed, but very expensive"; bell-bottoms by Betsey Johnson, in lace, $75, from Betsey Johnson shops; Trash & Vaudeville elasticated boots, $75 off West Broadway and Spring.

LEFT

Mils, 25, photographic artist, in East Greenwich Village, wears: shades, $175; leather vest, $80; black-ribbed undergear, $60; black belt, $30; bell-bottom jeans, $100; shoes, $60; sun choker, a gift; (reticent about sources)

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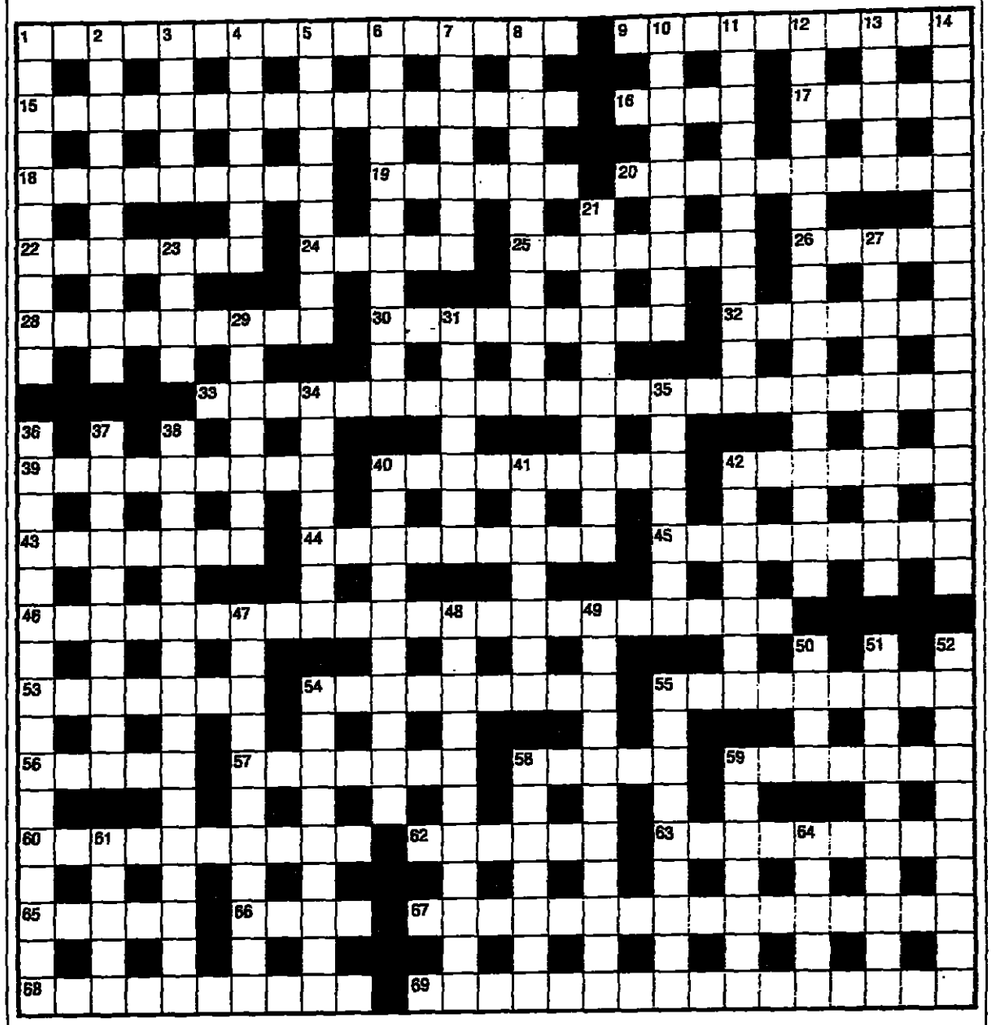
1 Centres of vice police fine? That is wrong (6,2,3,5)
9 Loved one leading demonstration is unlikely to fire (10)
15 Wonderful score bringing me gain in game? (6,10)
16 Common sense from them? On the contrary (4)
17 Follower of an emperor another rejected (5)
18 Lacking concentration in broadcast (9)
19 Work to eliminate front man from military operation (6)
20 Like certain duties character in front of church does, involved with altar (10)
22 Top clue modified and replicated many times (7)
24 Shun fallen woman bearing a daughter (5)
25 Characteristic I frequently can reveal (7)
26 Girl's short of money, being out of work (5)
28 Club members rubbish a bunch of heretics (9)
30 Extra payment, with penny for new beginning (9)
32 Shrub that's no good in Mediterranean country (7)
33 Children's story bemused, we hear, *The Mirror* (7,3,7-5)
39 Direction PM's given to actress (5-4)
40 Foreign currency's weaker, so reduces price (5,4)
42 This opponent of Leo's had got one point in front out of 33 (7)
43 It makes tar crack, that's clear (7)
44 Characters in unit do try for all-round quality (9)
45 Using missiles to attack rising, with spectacular effect (9)
46 Quickly assists doctor in this work in theatre (3,5,5,2,7)
53 Send back dispatch about old soldier (7)
54 Outgoing person that's exceptionally green (9)
55 Time for eating that's never free, they say (5,4)
56 It's extractable from pines — or sycamores, indeed (5)
57 Port I twice left — could be one in Med (7)
58 Tooth one has right in the middle, a canine (5)
59 Man put back rejected bags to soak (7)
60 With foreign character, climber breaks into one gallery (10)
62 Order to attack (6)
63 Entertainment before the fifties, much as I recollected (5-4)
65 The Parisian quarter artist's heart is in? (5)
66 Composer and arranger being oddly selective (4)
67 Local city keeps book about church affairs (10,6)
68 How guinea-pigs were silenced in Jack's trial (10)
69 Lack of maturity's a possible reason for poor shot (16)

DOWN

1 So king chased bishop off here? (10)
2 Like Henry VI, I share in routine (10)
3 Soldier serving queen, perhaps (5)
4 For example, noble's face appears old, with black lines (7)
5 Lack of energy distressed residents (9)
6 Developing English party before making speeches (11)
7 Lack of rush is what's attractive about Oriental island (7)
8 Shot detective in legal society (5,6)
10 Possums often don't get a move on! (4,5)
11 Author's boy who's survived third degree? (11)
12 Commonwealth Secretary's work retrieving Eden's error (8,8)
13 Attack where shooting takes place (5)
14 Accommodation for living successor of 67 (7,9)
21 Branch of science involving logic — x and y, too (10)
23 A university in the country (4)
27 Confined a weight to one end of scientific scale (10)
29 Realize there's point in a herb (7)
31 Indicate range this marauding Highlander's in (7)
34 Win boat race without good start — no longer fit? (7)
35 Left to support family, being related (7)
36 They ignore conventions and wrongly intern rebels fast (7,9)
37 Rich Italian duke goes to America (10)
38 Old soldier in London club writes one remarkable article (7,9)
40 Proposal to include one sort of tax incentive (10)
41 Likes playing around? Females dated pop (7)
42 Stop accepting as sovereign a foreign coin (7)
47 National group created by him? Hope it was (11)
48 Man's in a ship at sea in part of Atlantic (7,4)
49 Rely on each other at home? Pretended otherwise (11)
50 Language that is clipped (4)
51 Story about jet flier in conflict (10)
52 Composer in far-off New Zealand heard record (5,5)
54 After sixteen moves, church finally provided living (9)
55 The quip from France about *Italian quartet's theme tune* (9)
58 Traditional craft in Cassandra's first prophecy (7)
59 A blow on the way to Med — misdirected case I lost (7)
61 Behave badly as team-leader in a contest (3,2)
64 Sound of munching male tucking into some pork (5)

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ACROSS

1 Senior chief herald (6,4,2,4)
9 Fenestral shelf (10)
15 Former Zimbabwe (8,8)
16 Highest men's voice (4)
17 Witness box (5)
18 Go down again (9)
19 Firstborn (6)
20 Visual effect poetry (10)
22 Pasta ribbons (7)
24 Countess husbands (5)
25 Poetry reader (7)
26 S Belgium province (5)
28 Appraises unfairly (9)
30 Pregnancy (9)
32 Fish tanks (7)
33 King Arthur's inner circle (7,2,3,5,5)
39 Bone manipulator (9)
40 Sex abstainers (9)
42 Old Egypt king (7)
43 Glass display case (7)
44 Expressed in numbers (9)
45 Imprisonment order (9)
46 Home Guard (5,7,10)
53 Passes by (7)
54 Leaving (9)
55 Describes location (4,5)
56 Closer observer (5)
57 Red wine, iced soda (7)
58 Instructor (5)
59 Packed (7)
60 Bendings (10)
62 *Shackle* (6)
63 Durable machine (9)
65 Boadicea tribe (5)
66 Fall (4)
67 Systematisations (16)
68 Hot vapoury condition (10)
69 Sir Percy Blakeney (7,9)

DOWN

1 Gourmet (10)
2 Wide swinging punch (10)
3 Group's beliefs (5)
4 Nut cores (7)
5 Lack of reparation (2,7)
6 Dexter side (2,4,5)
7 Meeting programmes (7)
8 Female household worker (11)
10 Obtained dishonestly (3-6)
11 Stage flies cloth (4,7)
12 Perth state (7,9)
13 Saddam Hussein national (5)
14 *Oxford first women's* college (4,8,4)
21 Occurring by chance (10)
23 Clamorous (4)
27 Bare braggings (4,6)
29 Boat side top (7)
31 Car air deflector (7)
34 Leave here (2,5)
35 Middle ear bone (7)
36 Cambridge Trinity/King's neighbour (8,3,5)
37 Conduct of national affairs (10)
38 Soviet Russian literary doctrine (9,7)
40 Humorous musical play (5,5)
41 Parasitic bacteria (7)
42 Liquorice cake (7)
47 Lightens load (5,6)
48 Merely in words (11)
49 Florence -, Crimea nurse (11)
50 *Standard Oil* (4)
51 Sirloin/rib cut (10)
52 Dry fruit (4,6)
54 Risky (9)
55 Bungled (7,2)
58 *Paint diluter* (7)
59 Baptism robe (7)
61 Hen ruff (5)
64 Kent Cinque port (5)

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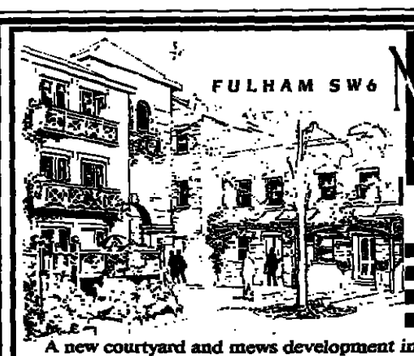
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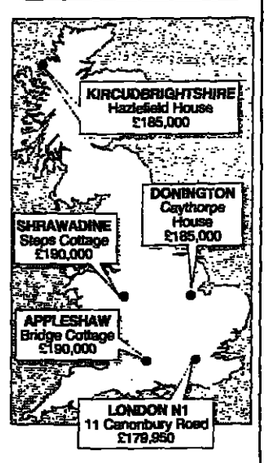


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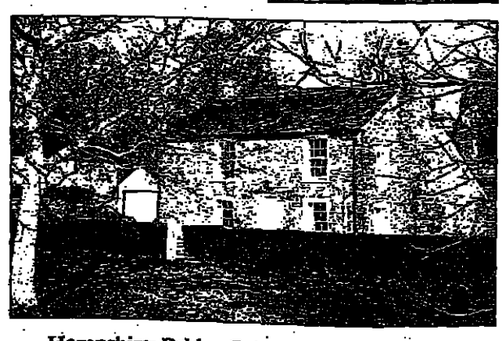
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Steve Martin: a supreme conman in Leap of Faith

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THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant and Margaret Tyzack. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

A JOVIAL CREW: Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from Wed, 7.15pm; opens April 22, 7pm; then in repertoire with *The School of Night*.

KINDERTRANSPORT: Verity Bargate Award-winner by Diane Samuels: her subject the Jewish children who escaped from Nazi Germany and the consequences for one of them. **Cockpit**, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Previews Tues, Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LOST IN YONKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER: Nicolas Kent directs an all-Irish company in Bill Morrison's ambitious trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Previews of *The Daughter*: today, Tues, Wed, 8pm; *The Marriage*: Thurs, 8pm; *The Son*: Fri, 8pm. Trilogy: next Sat, 1.45pm.

MACBETH: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, Mon-Tues, 7.15pm, mats today, Tues, 2pm.

EVENINGS OUT

PAUL KIEVE ILLUSIONIST



I'll definitely be going to see the MOMI exhibition on Méliès [until June 13]. Originally a magician in France, Méliès was the man responsible for discovering trick photography by filming his own illusions. People aren't aware of the strong tie between magicians and cinema, the irony being that cinema eventually wiped out a lot of the music hall live shows. The comedian Eddie Izzard is well worth catching. His show has been extended twice [now until May 1 at the Ambassadors]. Much of it is improvised. He's really willing to take risks, and that's amazing to see in the West End (he comes out on stage in a frock — not in drag, just wearing a dress as if it's a perfectly normal thing to do). I'm looking forward to *Sweeney Todd* at the National [previews from May 22]. I saw it in New York two years ago when I was working on the QE2, and nearly missed the ship. It was so gripping there was no way I was leaving before the end. Setting a suspense drama to music seems a pretty bizarre concept, but in fact it works brilliantly.



MICHAEL POWELL

Preparing for London: members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra rehearse in Avery Fisher Hall in New York's Lincoln Centre

THE TREATMENT: In Martin Crimp's new play, Jacqueline Defferary plays the distressed wife who comes to mistrust the couple (Sheila Gish, Larry Pine) who want to film her story. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from Thurs, 8pm; opens April 20, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (from April 24), 4pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Patrick Hamilton's famous thriller *Rope*, based on a true event, where two young men murder a third to prove they are special people. **Rep Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews Fri, next Sat, 7.30pm; opens April 19, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs (April 29, May 5), 2.30pm, Sat (May 1), 3pm.

BOLTON: The Octagon performs Brandon Thomas's evergreen farce, *Charley's Aunt*. **Octagon**, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Preview Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Fri, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat (May 15), 2pm.

LEEDS: Nichola McAuliffe and Brian Protheroe head Jude Kelly's strong cast for *The Taming of the Shrew*, set in the 20th century. **Quarry**, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm; opens April 19, 7.30pm; then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and some Tues, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Gregory Hersov directs *Little Murders*, Jules Pfeiffer's sharp comedy of a New York family trying to relax at home. Sets off next month on a Mobil tour. **Royal Exchange**, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Preview Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

WATFORD: Angela Down, David Horovitch and Jonathan Wrather in Lou Stein's production of *Ghosts*, inspired by the paintings of Munch. **Palace**, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Previews from Fri, 8pm; opens April 21, 7.45pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

INTIMATE LETTERS: In the second of three programmes which view the lives of composers through their letters, Brian Cox joins the Medici Quartet to present a portrait of Beethoven in words and music. Directed by John Caird. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 3pm.

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA: Odaline de la Martínez conducts the orchestra and the Pro Musica Chorus in a concert of music by Dame Ethel Smyth, one of the great neglected figures in British music. The main work on the programme is the Mass in D, which was first performed at the Albert Hall a century ago to the day. **Queen Elizabeth Hall** (as above), tomorrow, 7.45pm.

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: America's oldest symphony orchestra demonstrates its range in two concerts under Kurt Masur. The first concert includes music by Brahms (Symphony No 2), Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat for violin and viola, K 364) and Strauss (*Till Eulenspiegel*; the following evening's programme combines Barber's Adagio for Strings with Dvořák's "New World" Symphony and a work entitled *H'un (Lacerations): In Memoriam 1966-76* by Bright Sheng. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, Tues, 7.30pm.

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC: The LPO's "Alternative Vienna" series aims to show that the Austrian capital continues to build on its great musical tradition. Thursday's concert combines the Symphony No 9 by Mahler, whom the LPO's music director, Franz Welser-Möst, sees as the key figure in Viennese music, with the Violin Concerto by Kurt Schwertsik, one of the series's featured contemporary composers. **Festival Hall** (as above), Thurs, 7.30pm.

OPERA

LA BOHEME: Puccini's tear-jerker returns to Opera North for the first time in five years in a new production by Phyllida Lloyd and Anthony Ward, the team responsible for the company's delightful staging of Chabrier's L'Etoile a year ago. The cast includes Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Mimi, Juliet Booth as Musetta, and David Maxwell Anderson, Robert Hayward, William Dazeley and Graeme Broadbent as the bohemian quartet. Roy Laughlin conducts. **Grand Theatre**, Leeds (0532 459351), Fri, 7.15pm.

ROCK

THE EVERLY BROTHERS: It is ten years since Phil and Don reformed their unique partnership, but they are probably still best remembered for their seminal pop hits of the late 1950s and 1960s. **Ipswich**, Regent Theatre (0473 281480), today, 5.45pm. **Nottingham**, Royal Concert Hall (0602 482626), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **Sheffield**, City Hall (0742 735295), Tues, 7.30pm. **Leicester**, De Montfort Hall (0533 544444), Wed, 7.30pm. **Bradford**, St George's Hall (0274 752000), Fri, two perfs: 6pm and 8.45pm.

THE ORB: The techno duo start a short tour following the success of their ambient album, *UF Orb*. An absorbing multi-media experience is promised. **Glasgow**, Barrowlands (031-557 6969), Wed, 8pm. **Manchester**, Academy (061-839 0858), Fri, 9pm. **London**, Brixton Academy (071-326 1022), next Sat, 9pm-6am, next Sun, 6pm.

ELKIE BROOKS: With her well-crafted new album of jazz influenced standards, *'Round Midnight*, the singer has made an interesting departure from her normal poppy style. **Weymouth**, The Pavilion (0305 783225), tomorrow, 7pm. **Bournemouth**, BIC (0202 297297), Mon, 7.30pm. **Crawley**, The Hawth (0293 553636), Tues, 7.40pm. **London**, Hammersmith Apollo (081-741 4868), Wed, 6.45pm. **Torquay**, Riviera Centre (0803 295676), Thurs, 7pm.

JAZZ

SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES: An impressive, and free, weekend line-up of players who made their names in the 1960s, includes pianist Mick Pyne and his trio (tomorrow, 12.30pm) and the New Jazz Orchestra (tomorrow, 3pm), which reforms specially for the occasion having not performed in public since 1970. The respected orchestra kick-started the careers of Barbara Thompson, Jon Hiseman and Ian Carr among others, all of whom are present here. **Barbican Centre** (foyer), London EC2 (071-638 8891).

SUPERSESSION: This exciting assemblage of heavyweight free improvisers features Evan Parker on saxophone, Keith Rowe on guitar, Barry Guy on double bass and Eddie Prevost on drums. **London**, Jazz Café (071-916 6000), Tues, 7pm. **Liverpool**, Bluecoat (051-708 9050), Wed, 8pm. **Manchester**, Band on the Wall (061-832 0183), Thurs, 8.30pm. **Southampton University**, John Hansard Gallery (0703 593109), Fri, 7pm.

PAT METHENY: A pioneer on the guitar synthesizer, the American musician has just been awarded his seventh Grammy Award, this time for his first solo project, the album *Secret Story*. **Edinburgh**, Playhouse (031-557 2590), Mon, 7pm. **Manchester**, Apollo (061-236 9922), Tues, 7pm. **Wolverhampton**, Civic Hall (0902 312030), Wed, 7.30pm. **London**, Hammersmith Apollo (081-741 4868), Thurs and Fri, 6.45pm.



Pat Metheny: the award-winning guitarist on tour

DANCE

ARC DANCE COMPANY: After eight years of quietly working away, this contemporary dance troupe makes its Sadler's Wells debut this month with its latest offering, *Antic*. Kim Brandstrup's evening-length work is based on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, focusing on the crucial relationship between the Prince of Denmark and his dead father. The strong visuals are courtesy of designer Craig Givens. **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916), Thurs-next Sat, 7.30pm.

DON QUIXOTE: The latest addition to the Royal Ballet's repertoire is Mikhail Baryshnikov's production of this 19th-century Russian star vehicle, here given fabulous new designs by Mark Thompson. The bad news is that Darcey Bussell is injured and will not make her debut as planned on Tuesday night; the good news is that the American ballerina Cynthia Harvey has stepped in to perform Kitri, a role she danced opposite Royal Ballet director Anthony Dowell when he was in New York. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), today, 1pm; Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, Fri, 7.30pm.

KOKUMA DANCE THEATRE: This Birmingham-based company offers a show tracing the history of the drum from its roots in Africa, through America via the Caribbean and on to the rest of the world. This is a collaboration between American jazz drummer Peter Erskine and Nigerian choreographer Peter Badejo. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Fri, next Sat, 8pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

PUTZ

(b) Noun, the penis, mainly US, Yiddish from Middle High German *Putz* ornaments, Philip Roth, 1969: "He simply cannot — *will* not — control the fires in his putz, the fevers in his brain."

MILPA

(a) In Central America and Mexico, a small cultivated field, usually of corn or maize; also, designating a method of cultivation practised in tropical regions, from the Mexican Spanish: "The cultivation of maize is on the milpa system; that is, a plot, after being burned off, is cultivated for two years, when it is allowed to revert to forest conditions, taking about eight to ten years to become re-established and ready for burning off again."

TAMASHEK

(b) The Berber language spoken by the Tuaregs, from the Berber: "This word [se. *Tamahu*] still exists under various dialectic forms (*Tamahéeg*, *Tamashek*, *Tamazigt*) applied collectively to the Hemitic languages of the Sahara and Mauritania.

COONJINE

(b) Substantive and verb for a waddle attributed to American Blacks by American slang fifty years ago, origin unknown, though *coon* probably comes from the racialist term: "Coonjine, a word used originally on the Mississipi for the waddling run of Negro rousters with freight across the stage or gangplank. There's almost as much side as forward motion to it. From the gait the word got to mean the songs and jingles to the singing of which the Negro rousters jerked themselves along."

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), close associate of Steiglitz, leading figure of the American avant-garde, and haunting painter of large flower pictures and desert scenes from the southwest, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light. **Hayward Gallery**, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm). Until June 27.

EUGENIO DITTBORN: Dittborn is a Chilean who paints and photographically prints enormous collages on cloth which are then folded, put in special envelopes and posted all over the world, the journey being apparently more important than the unpredictable arrival. **ICA**, The Mall, SW1, (071-930 3647), daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues to 9pm). Opens Thurs to May 30.

DIETER ROTH: Now 63, Roth is an all-purpose avant-garde artist, involved with film-making, performance art, music and poetry as well as painting and sculpture. This show, of works on paper, offers an easy introduction to his work. **Goethe-Institut**, 50 Princess Gate, Exhibition Road, SW7 (071-411 3400). Mon-Thurs, 10am-8pm, Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat, 9.30am-12.30pm. Previews, Thurs, 6-8pm, opens Fri to May 8.

MELIES: Georges Méliès began as a theatrical magician, but early in his career realised the potential of camera trickery to enhance his magical effects. This show reveals how many of his tricks were done. **Museum of the Moving Image**, South Bank, SE1 (071-401 2636). Daily, 10am-6pm, until June 12.

GEORGES BRAQUE — PRINTS: Braque produced prints of various kinds, starting with a series of Cubist etchings, but he really concentrated on print-making only after 1945, when he started to make lithograph and intaglio prints, producing some of his most familiar images in this way. **Tate Gallery**, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27.

REGIONAL

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURE: This South Bank touring show celebrates the achievements of the generation of sculptors who came to international prominence during the 1980s such as Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Antony Gormley, Alison Wilding and Bill Woodrow. Also included are younger artists such as Anish Kapoor and Cathy de Monchaux. **Derby Museum & Art Gallery**, Strand, Derby (0332 255586). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Mon, 11am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until May 9. Good Friday and Easter Monday, 2-5pm.

ROY LICHTENSTEIN: The young man who rode to fame on the strip cartoon redefined as high art, turned into a grand old man of American painting. His irresistible rise is chronicled here. **Tate Gallery Liverpool**, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051-709 0507). Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm, until April 18.

PANORAMIC VIEWS OF ST PETERSBURG: The development of Peter the Great's new Russian capital must be among the best recorded of all the world's major cities. The evidences include a whole series of panoramic prints ranging in date from 1716 to 1835, which give a blow-by-blow account of the city's expansion. **Ashmolean Museum**, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 278000). Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until May 9. Closed today, tomorrow, open on Easter Monday, 2-5pm.

EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF: This ambitious travelling exhibition, originating in Rotterdam, brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. **Liverpool Museum**, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until next Sun.

BOOKINGS

THE SALZBURG MARIONETTES: The first visit to Britain since 1976 by the renowned family company of puppeteers is secured by Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre. The marionettes will perform to recorded versions of Mozart's operas *The Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni*, and Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffman*. **Birmingham**, Alexandra (021-633 3325), April 19-May 1.

NEW VISIONS, NEW VOICES: English National Opera's scheme, set up to interest young writers from different backgrounds in the operatic medium, presents four new works. Take your pick from *Melissa's Maelstrom*, written by 16-year-old twins Rosabella and Dina Gregory from Devon; *Inspector Otto and the Long-Haired Bicycle Maniac*, about the coming of a bicycle revolution; *Still*, based on the true story of a lost Victorian Royal Navy expedition; and *The King Comm* by Fabienne Audeoudm, a 25-year-old French performance artist. **Britten Theatre**, Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, SW7 (071-589 3643), May 10, 11, 13, 14, 7pm.

REMBRANDT'S GIRL AT A WINDOW — SYMPOSIUM: A finale to the Dulwich's current show brings together a scholarly team of experts giving their views on Dulwich's most famous Rembrandt. Present among the speakers will be representatives of the Rembrandt Research Project in Amsterdam and Nationalmuseum of Stockholm. **Dulwich Picture Gallery**, College Road, SE21 (081-693 8000). April 24, registration at 9.45am, symposium 10.30am-5.30pm, then a special tour of the exhibition.

NEW VIDEOS

HOWARDS END (Curzon Video, PG): Thoroughly absorbing Merchant-Ivory version of Forster's novel about colliding families with different ideals. Oscar-winning Emma Thompson, plus Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham-Carter. 1992.

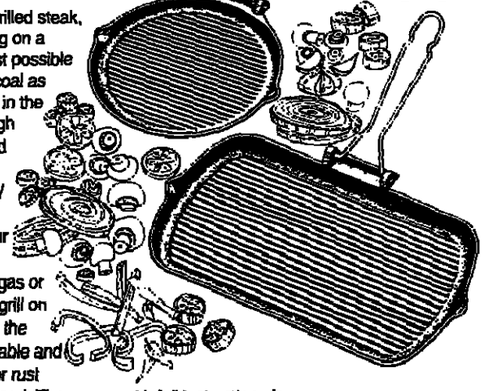
THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (Tartan Video, 15): Krzysztof Kieslowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to share the same life. With Irène Jacob, Philippe Volter, and haunting music by Zbigniew Preisner. 1991.

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (Electric, PG): Zhang Yimou's austere, quietly dazzling drama of a concubine's struggle for dominance in the palatial house of her wealthy master in 1920's China. With Gong Li. 1991.

WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (FoxVideo, 15): Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson as basketball con artists in Los Angeles. Fresh, funny Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton. 1992

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Soul diva Diana Ross, whose latest release is of her jazz concert in New York last year, faces the cool breeze of our critic's disapproval with her customary equanimity

Holiday job proves beyond her

JAZZ RECORDS: **Clive Davis** on a pop superstar out of her depth and a true jazz legend's 75th birthday suitably commemorated

What does it take to become a jazz singer? A reasonable voice, a stylish selection of gowns and the ability to memorise a clutch of Billie Holiday songs? If only it were so easy. Diana Ross strikes all the right poses on the album and video taken from a one-off concert at the Ritz Theatre in New York last December, but any resemblance to great vocalists living or dead is imaginary.

In a curious way, **Diana Ross Live: Stolen Moments** (EMI CDEMD 1044) makes a compelling advertisement for the art of jazz singing, simply because it shows how easy it is for a superstar to get it wrong. Perhaps we should not be too churlish — jazz needs every bit of mass-media exposure it can get. Who knows how many of her fans may be sufficiently intrigued by this well-intentioned but flawed show to go out and buy the genuine article, or visit a club to listen to, say, Marian Montgomery, Elaine Delmar, Carol Kidd or Claire Martin?

Twenty years ago Ross turned in a fair portrayal of Billie Holiday in a sensationalised film version of *Lady Sings The Blues*. Acting on the screen is one thing; trying to bring the songs to life on stage quite another. From the opening bars of "Fine and Mellow", it is obvious that the star of the show, perhaps overawed by the task before her, will never probe beneath the surface.

All good jazz singers reshape their material, playing with pitch and stretching the metre to suit their own purposes. Ross gives deeply respectful but anodyne readings. The light and airy voice that blended so exquisitely into all those Motown hits never gets to grips with "Them There Eyes" or "Good Morning Heartache".

Judging by the video version of the concert (Picture Music International 4911013) she seems less interested in interpreting the lyrics than in making sure the spotlight catches her hair or wading into the audience to mingle with assorted pals.

There is some consolation in the presence of top-flight musicians, including a contingent from The Philip Morris Superband. Slide Hampton, Urbie Green and the British-born tenor player Ralph Moore make the most of the undemanding arrangements, and trumpeter Roy Hargrove swoops up and down the register.

Ella Fitzgerald, the greatest female singer of them all, turns 75 this month, an event marked with the release of a 39-song double album **The 75th Birthday Celebration** (MCA/GRP 26192). Beware of the small print, however. Rather than a full retrospective of her career, the set concentrates on her successful 20-year association with Decca which ended in 1955, when she moved on to the Olympian heights of the "Songbook" albums for Verve.

First Lady of Song (Verve 5178982), a three-disc compilation from that later period, also arrives this week, but the Decca set offers items that have slipped in and out of print over the years. Her earliest recordings with Chick Webb are omitted, and the story begins with the 1938 novelty hit "A-Tisket, A-Tasket", passing through appealing collaborations with Louis Armstrong, Louis Jordan and Benny Carter.

As well as the ballroom favourites and the scat extravaganzas, Fitzgerald occasionally had to contend with some extraordinarily slushy charts, complete with choirs. Yet the voice always shines through, note-perfect timbre in place from the beginning.

On "Until The Real Thing Comes Along" all the fripperies are stripped away, leaving her alone with one of her favourite accompanists, **Ellis Larkins**. Among pianists Larkins is spoken of with something approaching veneration, even though he has spent most of his career away from the limelight. Luckily he has been enticed into taking part in Concord's solo recital series at Maybeck Hall, in Berkeley. **At Maybeck, Volume 22** (Concord CCD-4533) is an exquisite study in pianistic colour.

GALLERIES

Religious art is born again

Faith, if not religion, seems alive and well: **John Russell Taylor** reviews an exhibition of 20th-century British images of Christ

If religious art has not been so prominent in British art during the 19th and 20th centuries as it has in the rest of Europe, that has been largely due to the paucity of church commissions. In the second half of the 20th century, however, the situation has changed dramatically. To a significant degree, that has come about through the example of St Matthew's Church, Northampton, during the incumbency of Walter Hussey. It is particularly appropriate, therefore, that the church's centenary (it is a handsome Victorian gothic structure in the suburbs of Northampton) should be celebrated by an ambitious show on the subject of **Images Of Christ** in 20th-century British art.

Prominent among these, naturally, are the Henry Moore *Madonna And Child* of 1943-44 and the Graham Sutherland *Crucifixion* of 1946, both commissioned by St Matthew's. These remain in the church, along with the more recently commissioned *Risen Christ* of 1992, by the local artist Malcolm Pollard, which is suspended in the chancel arch, and a handful of loans. The rest of the show is in Northampton Museum and Art Gallery; the two parts will be combined for a London showing at St Paul's in June.

Fortunately the devisers of the show have avoided the normal title formula. "The Image of Christ", since one thing is abundantly clear: there is no kind of consensus about how modern artists see Christ beyond that He is bearded and looks fairly gentle. This formula enables Anthony Green to assimilate his version of the Crucifixion, *Golden Crucifix* (1965), to his endless series of obsessively autobiographical works: he himself is crucified in the centre of the composition and, as God the Father, watches from above, while his wife plays Saint Veronica and Mary Magdalene with a plunging neckline and some scarlet knickers.

On the other hand, F.N. Souza's *Crucifixion* of 1959 is far from gentle, and seems to borrow much of its imagery from non-Christian tribal art, while Glyn Philpot's *Resurgam* (1929-30), one of the show's more remarkable rediscoveries, sees Christ rising from the tomb bodily renewed into a lissom adolescent.

Some rather unlikely artists are also included, even apart from a chocolate-box *Nativity Scene* by Beryl Cook. There is a slightly Vorticist *Crucifixion* by William Roberts, a rather Dunkirk-spirit wartime *Deposition* by Michael Rothenstein, and Anthony Caro's 1990 bronze *Descent From The Cross (after Rembrandt)*, where the shape and feeling of the original are evoked without any clearly representational details.

The oldest living artist included, Hans Feibusch, is represented by, among others, one of the most recent pieces, his painting of *The Footwashing*, which is powerful in its confident simplicity and vibrancy of colour. It was done when he was already in his nineties.

● *Museum and Art Gallery, Guildhall Road, and St Matthew's Church, Kettering Road, Northampton (0604 39415). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (Thur to 8pm) until May 16*



The Footwashing by Hans Feibusch, 1990: "powerful in its confident simplicity and vibrancy of colour"

CLASSICAL MUSIC: 'Decadent' opera on record; an Austrian baritone; and women composers

What the Nazis did not approve

The Nazi party was all too successful in suppressing the music it did not want played in Germany. Composers of wrong racial origin went straight on to the "black" list. And so did those who started experimenting with the new sounds of the Americas, North and South. The phrase "Entartete Musik" (Decadent Music) evolved and this is the title Decca has used to launch a three-year plan to revive some of the works that were diligently swept under the carpet. To judge from the first two issues, both operas, the scheme is going to be on a grand scale.

Decca opens with Krenek and Korngold. They were contemporaries and rivals who had little time for one another. Krenek, despite his Czech name, was a Catholic born in Vienna and Korngold a Jew born in Czechoslovakia. Both died in California, final resting place for many an émigré composer.

Krenek's big success was **Jonny spielt auf** (*Jonny strikes up*). Lothar Zagrosek's performance (436 631-2, two CDs) with the Leipzig Gewandhaus shows exactly why. It is full of rhythmic vigour, sharp in its contrasts between the composer Max and the negro Jonny. Max stands, like some figure in a Ken Russell bio-pic, communing with glaciers while Jonny gets down to business by stealing the violin of an international virtuoso.

The Nazis did not care for jazz in a serious opera and also objected to Jonny having an affair with a white chambermaid. *Show Boat*, premiered in the same year, 1927, ran into similar problems. Krenek put in perversely outrageous scenic demands: a set split between a glacier and a hotel terrace, to say nothing of requests for the odd train and automobile. Opera North found it all a bit too much when attempting the piece almost ten years ago.

On disc there are no such problems and Decca provides a sumptuous cast, led by Alessandra Marc as the composer's favourite soprano, Krister St Hill (remembered from Glyndebourne in *New Year*) as Jonny and an outstanding new tenor, Heinz Kruse, as Max. Krenek complained that audiences did not take Max's soliloquies sufficiently seriously. He has only himself to blame: he should not have written such engaging music for a violin thief.



Ernst Krenek, 1927: He left Vienna for exile in America

The charms of Korngold's **Das Wunder der Heliane** (435 636-2, three CDs) are much fuller blown. This is semi-mystical opera, bearing traces of the Strauss of *Frau ohne Schatten* and also of Italians like Montemezzi and Alfano. Korngold took his time over telling his story of redemption. Even so, Lotte Lehmann and Jan Kiepura felt it worthwhile to appear in the Vienna premiere. Here Anna Tomowa-Sintow is in glowing voice in the title role and so is the American tenor, John David de Haan, as the Stranger who finally takes Heliane off to paradise. John Mauceri and the Berlin Radio Symphony make as good a case as they can for a rather bloated piece.

JOHN HIGGINS

Fine pair failed to make a match

Wolfgang Holzmair
Wigmore Hall

There was Wolfgang Holzmair, the Austrian baritone who, in his young prime, has been building up a formidable catalogue of recorded Schubert performances, who fills the Wigmore Hall for his every recital, and who makes his Salzburg and Covent Garden debuts this year. There was Imogen Cooper, too, Schubertian pianist par excellence, whose complete recordings of the composer's late works have been widely praised. And there was *Schwanengesang*, Schubert's swansongs, in a programme which, with no interval, was set to look life, death and finally the *Doppelgänger* straight in the face.

Expectations were justifiably high. But they did not, perhaps, take into account the fact that a solo pianist is not, *ipso facto*, a natural accompanist; and that an irresistible seducer of Schubert's Fair Maid of the Mill may not yet have looked long into the heart of Schubert's darkness.

The evening failed quite to make its mark. For me, the constant disappointment was Cooper's playing. As an admirer of her solo work, I felt let down by the miscalculation which led to an enervating self-effacement, and an overreadiness to slacken and caress with rubato when the voice needed support and definition. Even raising the piano lid a notch would have helped.

Already in the rushing brook of "Liebesbotschaft", Holzmair's voice seemed willing but enervated by its accompaniment. There seemed sometimes to be some weakness, perhaps from the vestiges of a cold, in this eloquent and immaculately groomed baritone. The cry of pain which ends each verse of "Frühlingssehnsucht" was only muted.

For the last, dark Heine songs, both voice and fingers really strove hard, and succeeded in etching the deep furrows of "Der Atlas" by wise pacing and sharper rhythmic profile. The most engaging songs, though, were those cygnets which found their way into these swansongs: the supplementary, earlier songs by Seidl and Rellstab, such as "Irdisches Glück" and "Lebensmut", which Holzmair sang with a folk-like simplicity, as to the *Häusle-born*.

HILARY FINCH

Women of note

Lontano
ICA

The title of this short series is "Vote for women". Frankly, I will vote for anyone who is any good. But nobody could deny that, in music as in everything else, some have seen fit to make gender matter.

Most of the music we hear is the work of men, simply because most music written and published through the centuries has been by men. But the pieces by women heard in these two concerts, given by Lontano and directed by Odaline de la Martinez, demonstrated just how loose the connection of gender is.

One composer's work we could have done without. Babette Koblenz's Piano Trio, modestly subtitled "Le Monde" and finished last year, showed an utter bereftness of imagination. But earlier the Romanian-born Adriana Holszky demonstrated genuine gifts.

There was an admirably concentrated expression in *Sonnet*, a setting of Shakespeare's "When I have seen by time's fell hand defaced" for soprano (Fiona Baines) and two guitars (James Woodrow and Stephanie Power), and an ability to squeeze every last variation of colour and dynamic from the instrument in her impressive *Flux-Reflux* for alto saxophone, superbly played by Peter Whyman.

But the music the following evening was generally richer, and included one marvellous piece each by Elena Firsova and Judith Weir. Weir's *Gentle Violence* (1987), seven aphoristic pieces — based on individual aspects of Chinese martial art — for piccolo (Ingrid Culliford) and guitar (Woodrow again), is engagingly offbeat and elegant.

Firsova's *Odyssey*, composed in 1990 in response to a strange commission to celebrate a sailing from Vladivostok to San Francisco that never seems to have happened, is exquisitely shaped, with effective cadenzas for horn, cello and flute and above all beautifully expressive, refined textures against which she sets perfectly poised melodic gestures. Her *Whirlpool* (1991), a setting of Mandelstam neatly sung by Annemarie Sand with Culliford's flute and Martin Allen's percussion in support, did not beguile so deeply, but it was tantalisingly restrained.

Sand's poor diction later served Dame Ethyl Smyth's surprisingly Ravelian-come-Mahlerian Four Songs (1908) less than ideally. But what gorgeously ripe, original music this is, despite the startling miscalculation of including cymbals, snare drum and tambourine in otherwise intimate scoring.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Over-egging the festival

Easter effectively took over from the Jewish Passover. But, according to Professor Geza Vermes, an authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospels create a "monumental historical conundrum" by suggesting that the Last Supper coincided with the Passover dinner on the evening before the Feast of the Passover . . .

Stuart Wavell investigates how and why we celebrate Easter — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

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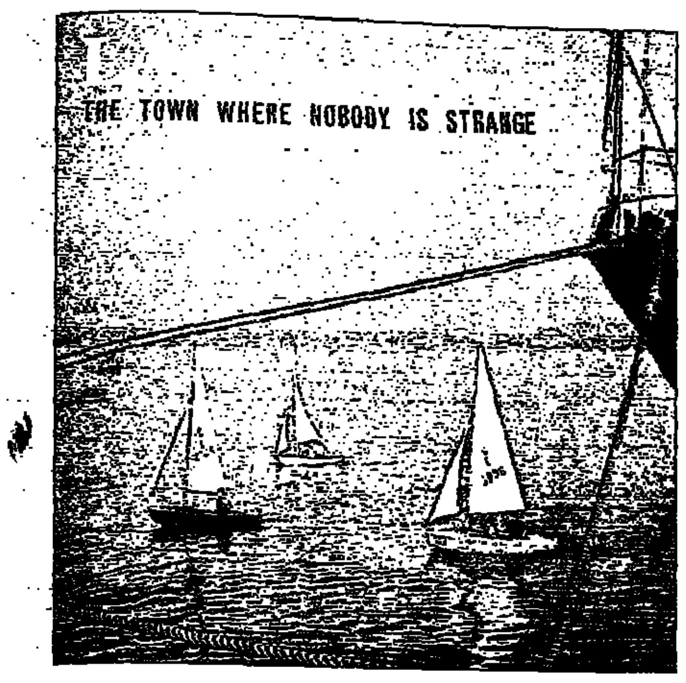
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They don't write travel brochures like they used to, says **John Young**

Save me a wooden dish of turgid and soft octopus

Holiday brochures are *not* what they were — more's the pity. Contemporary publications seem staid compared with those of a generation ago, when the writer depended largely on a dictionary and a poetic imagination.

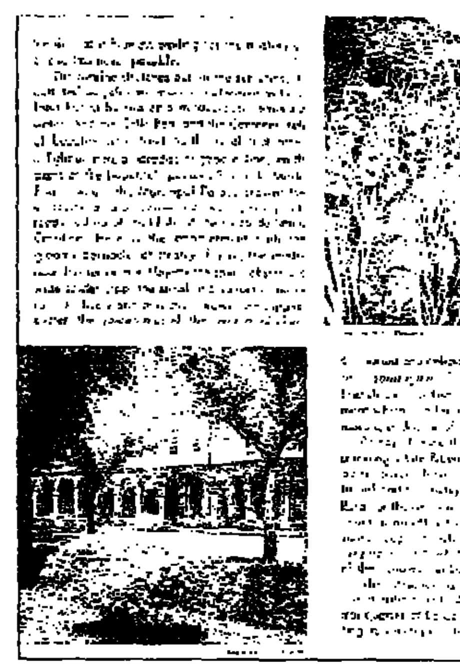
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7.00 Ceefax (6026497)
7.25 News and weather (4423720)
7.30 Children's BBC beginning with **Penny Crayon** (r) *(4586697)* ***7.40 Wiz Bang**. An alternative version of* the legend of Robin Hood (s) (3957805) **7.50 Littl' Bits**. Animated adventures of pixies in an enchanted forest (r) (5879652) **8.15 Eggs 'n' Baker**. Cheryl Baker enlists the help of two Gladiators to prepare for a picnic (s) (4285768) **8.40 Tom and Jerry**. Three cartoons featuring the cat and mouse characters (r) (8889039)
9.00 Going Live! *presented by* Phillip Schofield *and* Sarah Greene. The guests include Jason Donovan Vet Nigel Taylor *has some rabbits and* Andi Peters tests the latest computer games (s) (99296107) **12.12 Weather** (1191132)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus; **12.45** Golf: a report on the second round of the US *Masters from Augusta, **1.00** News; **1.05, 2.05** and* **2.35** Racing from Haydock Park; **1.20** Motor Racing: the latest qualifying news for tomorrow's final of the Grand Prix of Europe at Donington Park; **2.15** and **2.45** Ice Hockey: Whitley Bay v Cardiff; **2.55** Rugby Union, live coverage of the Pilkington Cup semi-final between Leicester and Northampton. *Plus news of the other semi-final between the Harlequins and Wasps; **4.40** Final* Score (95742861)
5.15 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (5313671)
5.25 Regional News and sport (2661584). Wales (to 6.10): Wales on Saturday
5.35 Jim'll Fix It. The first of a new series of the programme that makes dreams come true for children of all ages. Among them this week are a *profoundly deaf boy who learns to scuba dive and a young man who becomes a character in a computer game* (Ceefax) (490923)
6.10 You Rang, M'Lord? Jimmy Perry and David Croft's upstairs, downstairs comedy starring most of the *Hi-de-Hi!* cast. (Ceefax) (s) (853478)

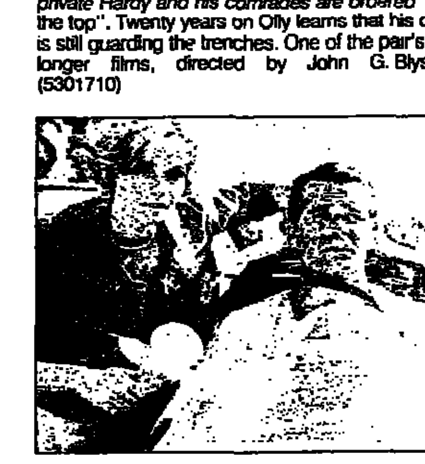


Searching for treasure: Harrison Ford (7.00pm)

7.00 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (92946749)
8.50 News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Weather and sport *(820039)*
9.10 Westbeach. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (769107)
10.00 Birds Of A Feather. Chris lands wife Sharon with an impossible choice when he tells her he is seriously ill. Starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r). (Ceefax) (s) (98316)
10.30 Match Of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduce highlights from two top Premier league games. The commentators are Barry Davies and Tony Gubba (s) (12316)
11.30 Beyond the Shadows. In the last of the programmes for Holy Week, John Humphrys meets Cardinal Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (s) (162861)
11.45 Film: J. Edgar Hoover (1986) starring Treat Williams, *Rip Storm and David Ogden Stiers*. A competent, unrevealing biopic of the man who ran the FBI for almost half a century. Directed by Robert Collins (132861) **1.35am Weather** (8917940)

BBC2

8.55 Film: Blockheads (1938, b/w) starring Laurel and Hardy. In the trenches during the first world war, private Laurel is ordered to guard the post when *private Hardy and his comrades are ordered "over* the top". Twenty years on Olly learns that his chum is still guarding the trenches. One of the pair's best longer films, directed by John G. Blystone (5301710)



Eve Marie Saint and James Garner (9.50am)

9.50 Film: Grand Prix (1966) starring James Garner, Eve Marie Saint and Yves Montand. Motor racing story about a driver accused of causing the crash in which a colleague received serious injuries. The race footage tends to swamp the human drama but it is handsome to look at. Directed by John *Frankenheimer (Ceefax)* (50596229)
12.35 Aspen — Colorado. A lighthearted look at one of the United States's celebrity holiday resorts (r) (s) (94207768)
3.00 Film: Ride 'Em Cowboy (1942, b/w). Abbott and Costello star in one of their better vehicles, a comedy western about the adventures of a pair of peanut and hotdog vendors at a dude ranch. With *musical diversions* by Ella Fitzgerald. Directed by Arthur Lubin (7581584)
4.25 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore talks about the new telescope in Chile (r) (s) (5830855)
4.45 Film: Red River (1988) starring James Arness and Bruce Boxleitner. Efficient but unnecessary remake of the John Wayne/Montgomery Clift classic about father and son figures coming to blows during an epic cattle drive. Directed by Richard Michaels (306942)
6.15 Late Again. Highlights from the week's editions of *The Late Show* (s) (493497)
6.45 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather (507823)
7.00 The Official History of Hell. A repeat of the programme of television's diabolical moments, first shown during the *TV Hell* evening (232861)
7.55 Painted Passions. The last in the series examining how the Passion has been depicted by artists through the ages. (Ceefax) (797942)
8.10 Bookmark: Philip Larkin. See Choice (790381)
9.00 Golf. Live coverage of the third round of the US Masters introduced by Steve Rider from Augusta, Georgia. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley and David Marr (8294)
11.00 Film: The Big Easy (1987) starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin. Steamy thriller-cum-romance, set in New Orleans, about an unconventional policeman, not averse to bending the rules or accepting the odd bribe, who has to change his outlook when a new and honest district attorney arrives on the scene. *Directed by Jim McBride*. (Ceefax) (973045). Ends at **12.45am**

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CHOICE



Rivals: Oliver Cotton, Deborah Grant (BBC1, 9.10pm)

Westbeach
BBC1, 9.10pm
A ten-part drama follows the acrimony between two families in a recession-hit seaside resort. Sarah (Deborah Grant) runs a family hotel and leases the pier to rival Alan (Oliver Cotton). He also has amusement arcades and a caravan park. When the town's holiday camp goes bust, Sarah and Alan rush to take advantage. The fighting promises to be dirty. Indeed the shortage of likeable characters may make the series hard to take. The writer Tony Marchant penned *Take Me Home* (older man falling for a younger woman) and the memorable *Goodbye Cruel World* (Sue Johnston in a wheelchair). His script juggles a large cast and commits some of the worst puns since Brian Johnston's last cricket commentary.

Bookmark: Philip Larkin
BBC2, 8.10pm
The concluding part of this workmanlike profile opens in the mid-1950s when Larkin leaves Belfast to become librarian at the University of Hull. The film is particularly good on Larkin's contradictions. He hated blacks but loved jazz, the black person's music. He enjoyed fame but shunned publicity. His poetry seemed parochial but had mass appeal. He loved women but shrank from permanent relationships. Two of his women friends appear in the film, hinting tactfully at the pain he caused them. Gems from the archive recall the poet's appearance on *Desert Island Discs* ("Mr Larkin, are you a gregarious man?", asks an innocent-sounding Roy Plomley) and a tour of a graveyard in the company of John Betjeman.

The Boomerang Kids
Channel 4, 8.00pm
Most of the documentaries in the *Gimme Shelter* season are about people who have become homeless. *The Boomerang Kids* looks at a pioneering initiative to prevent homelessness. The Airdre Teenage Refuge just outside Glasgow offers emergency beds for teenagers who have fallen out with *their families* and would otherwise face a future in care or on the streets. While providing a temporary roof, the refuge tries to resolve family conflicts by bringing parents and children together. The refuge operates in an area of deprivation and high unemployment. Youngsters see no point in going to school and fall into bad company. Parents are pushed to the limit. Reconciliation is far from easy but the refuge has an encouraging record.

Raiders of the Lost Ark
BBC1, 7.00pm
Steven Spielberg's comic-strip epic is becoming as much a part of bank holiday television as *The Great Escape* or *The Sound of Music*. It neatly fills a couple of hours and makes no demand on the audience. In the cinema it can seem dreadfully noisy but judicious work on the volume control can deal with that. It is also, for a would-be family film, surprisingly violent, though the worst excesses have been removed for this peak-time showing. For the uninitiated, it is the tale of Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford), a daredevil professor trying to beat the Nazis to priceless treasure. The journey takes him to the jungles of Peru, a saloon bar in Nepal and the Egyptian desert. Danger lurks around every corner.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7050229)
9.25 What's Up Doc? presented by Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane. Includes a report on the efforts to save the rhino from extinction, a feature on eggs for Easter and a look at the sitar and the music it makes (s) (17034316)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features the Soup Dragons (r) (s) (13213)
12.30 Speakeasy. Television version of the problem page for young people (s) (44039)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (13101045) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (13100316)
1.10 Movies, Movies, Movies. The latest movie releases reviewed (17630126)
1.40 Film: Winnie the Pooh and a Day for Eeyore (1983). A British children's favourite gets the animated Disney treatment. With the voices of Hal Smith, John Fielder, Paul Winchell and Laurie Main. Directed by Rick Reinert (18874497)
2.10 Rugby World Cup Sevens. Jim Rosenthal, with Gavin Hastings and Will Carling, introduces highlights from the qualifying matches in Sicily and previews the three-day tournament which begins in Scotland on Friday (7722923)
3.10 Rugby World Cup 91. Highlights of the competition which culminated in England being beaten by Australia in the final (5622818)
4.40 News, sports results and weather (6943855)
5.00 London Tonight (Teletext) sport and weather (9090590)
5.15 New Baywatch. More sun-kissed adventures of the Los Angeles county lifeguards, starring David Hasselhoff (s) (7961861)
6.10 Beadle's About. A collection of juvenile japes played by Jeremy Beadle on unsuspecting members of the public (477107)
6.55 Film: Jaws III (1983) starring Dennis Quaid and Lou Gosset Jr. A Florida marine park is terrorised by a great white shark in a feeble second sequel to Steven Spielberg's original. Shown in the cinema in 3-D, though this will not help it here. Directed by Joe Alves. (Teletext) (s) (66513768)
8.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (200126)



Comedy of errors: Jones and Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Wilt (1989) starring Griff Rhys Jones and Mel Smith. Despite the talent involved, this is a disappointingly unsubtle adaptation of Tom Sharpe's black comedy about a bored polytechnic lecturer who dreams of killing his wife and finds himself number one suspect in a real murder enquiry. Directed by Michael Tuchner (24041565)
10.40 The Big Fight. Nicky Piper of Wales defends his WBA continental super-middleweight title against Chris Joseph Sande of Kenya in Swansea (105671)
11.25 Miller and Mueller. Houston-based policewomen drama series starring Desiree Becker and Suzanne Savoy (864520)
12.25am The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (4885324)
1.30 The 50th Annual Golden Globe Awards. Highlights of this year's ceremony in Hollywood (97558)
3.00 Basketball. Action from the American NBA league (71054430). Followed by **Rock Sport** (2962275)
4.25 BPM. News from the dance music scene (s) (2455904). Followed by **Night Shift** (2282140)
5.30 ITN Morning News (31817). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animation (r) (s) (1433652) **6.25 Dennis** (r) (9942213) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak** (4555720) **7.00 Mr Men** featuring Mr Noisy (4437923) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play** (r) (4208229) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Animated adventures of an American college football team transported back in time to the Round Table (7416045)
8.00 Saved by the Bell. Adventures of six students (60710) **8.30 World Tennis**. The latest news from the ATP tour (30251)
9.00 News (3722126) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (3684045)
10.00 Trans World Sport (13720)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne previews Italy's weekend football programme, including his team Lazio's game against Foggia (33584)
12.00 Sign On. Magazine series for the hearing impaired. Includes a feature on Ireland's sign language (17497)
***12.30* Brijbhushan Kabra and Zakir Hussain** perform Indian classical music (r) (35381)
1.00 Film: Seven Hills of Rome (1958) starring Mario Lanza. Banal romantic drama with music about a successful tenor who returns to Rome from New York after quarrelling with his fiancée. Directed by Roy Rowland (50059126)
2.55 Zeno and Easter. Plasticine animation from *Hungary (4505958)*
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races (64674297)
4.50 TV Stations of the Cross. The second of a three-part series exploring interpretations of Christ's trial and crucifixion through paintings and music (s) (7300720)
5.05 Brookside *(r) (Teletext) (s) (4517403)*
6.35 Football Italia. Highlights of Inter Milan v AC Milan and Napoli v Sampdona (375300)
7.30 Archbishop at Easter. Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, reflects on his two-year tenure and the message of Easter (107)



A temporary refuge for teenagers (8.00pm)

8.00 Gimme Shelter: The Boomerang Kids. (Teletext) See Choice (705213)
8.45 A-Z Letters From the Homeless. The fourth of five programmes examining 26 aspects of homelessness. (Teletext) (825584)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair. Episode two of the mystery thriller, written by Alan Plater and starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r) (Teletext) (5799)
10.00 Saturday Zoo presented by Jonathan Ross. The *guests include Boy George and Spike Milligan* (s) (3126)
11.00 Ready Steady Go!: Otis Redding Special (b/w) The singer is backed by, among others, Eric Burdon and Chris Farlowe (246652)
11.35 Farewell, Good Brothers. A lighthearted documentary about people in the 1950s who claim to have been visited by extra-terrestrials (364107)
1.00 Evening Shade. Comedy series starring Burt Reynolds as a small-town school football coach (r) (s) (28053). Ends at **2.00**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (63350) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (22351) **7.00** Fun Factory (9860328) **12.00** WWF Superstars (27768) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (59316) **2.00** The Addams Family (6854) **2.30** The Facts of Life (9774) **3.00** Cartoons (72316) **4.00** Knights and Warriors (98927) **5.00** WWF Mania (3861) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (76652) **7.00** Class of '96 (20497) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (32145) **9.00** Cops I (84107) **9.30** Cops II (86497) **10.00** WWF Mania (29768) **11.00** Entertainment This Week (70039) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (61942) **6.30** News and Business Report (174478) **9.30** Nightline (68687) **10.00** Dayline (27403) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (57039) **11.00** Dayline (95213) **11.30** Getaway (31687) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (35671) **1.30** The Reporters (36300) **2.30** Nightline (60584) **3.30** Those Were The Days (42403) **4.30** Getaway (4653) **5.00** Live at Five (58039) **6.30** Fashion TV (41403) **7.30** The Reporters (5351) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (32316) **10.30** The Reporters (70300) **11.30** Fashion TV (24687) **12.30am** Getaway (79701) **1.30** *Financial Times West of Moscow* (53546) **2.30** *Fashion TV* (89256) **3.30** Target (64701) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (74527) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (53053)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (20382)
8.00 Vanishing Wilderness: American wildlife documentary (48942)
10.00 Treasure Island (1974): Cartoon version of the classic story (79749)
12.00 Infidelity (1987): Kirstie Alley and Lee Horsley lose their baby (38565)
2.00pm Fatal Judgment (1988): Tom Conti defends a nurse accused of murder (71520)
4.00 Evil Under the Sun (1981): Agatha Christie whodunit (2565)
6.00 Battling for Baby (1991). Suzanne Pleshette and Debbie Reynolds monopolise their grandchild (23584)
8.00 Teen Agent (1991): Student Richard Grieco is mistaken for a spy in Paris (76589)
10.00 Die Hard 2 (1990). Bruce Willis battles *against airport terrorists (10883316)*
12.05am Linda: Erotic drama (3407184)
1.30 Screwballs (1983): Teenage sex comedy (30690362)
3.50 Angel Town (1990): Martial arts drama (278701). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Man from the Diner's Club *(1963): Comedy with Danny Kaye (2749)*
6.00 The Raven (1935, b/w): Bela Lugosi as a deranged plastic surgeon (298132)
6.50 Zorba the Greek (1964): Alan Bates befriends Anthony Quinn (10788687)
9.15 Prince of the City (1981): Treat Williams informs on his corrupt police colleagues (13808233). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Dot and Keeto (3573132) **7.20 Dot and the Smuggler** (2909855): Live action and animation
8.25 Adam Had Four Sons (1941, b/w): Ingrid Bergman plays a governess to a motherless family (40179958)
10.00 The Promise (1979): An accident victim has plastic surgery (73519)
12.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990): Heroic adventures (36107)
2.00pm A Breath of Scandal (1960): American diplomat John Gavin falls for Austrian princess Sophia Loren (59890)
4.00 The Keys (1991). Two brothers combat Florida land developers (4687)
6.00 Navy Seals (1990). Michael Biehn and Charlie Sheen lead a commando unit into Beirut (21126)
***8.00 Ghost** (1990): Patrick Swayze haunts* girlfriend Demi Moore (11357331)
10.10 The Chequered Flag. A racing car driver seeks revenge (531958)
11.45 The Amityville Curse (1989). Fifth in the horror series (106126)
1.20am That Magic Moment (1990): *American Graffiti-style drama* (259430)
3.05 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990): Winona Ryder thinks that a celebrity *is her mother* (587695). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

5.30am The Big League (86590) **8.30** Netbusters (96395) **9.00** Premier League Wimbledon v Crystal Palace, Sheffield Utd v Manchester City (454126) **12.00** Fishing the West (96331) **12.30pm** Sports Special (58855) **1.00** Sports Saturday (4818294) ***6.00** British Motor Sport (39774)* **7.00** Snooker (560126) **10.00** Darts: England v Wales (33497) **12.00** Ringside (29701) **2.00-5.00am** Snooker (7941695)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (77774) **8.00** Motorsport Magazine (74045) **9.00** Motorcycling Magazine (12565) **9.30** American Basketball (49107) **10.00** American Ice Hockey (77738) **11.00** Boxing KO Magazine (64107) **12.30pm** European Grand Prix (72958) **2.00** Artistic Gymnastics (64958) **3.00** Ice Hockey: Finland v France (60403) **5.00** Show Jumping (13294) **7.00** ATP Tennis (27233) **9.00** Boxing (42687) **10.00** Sportive Dancing (28565) **12.00-1.00am** European Grand Prix (25965)

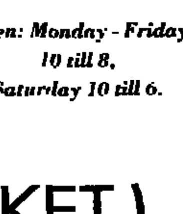
UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (12707768) **6.15** Button Moon (12795923) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6317774) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3069774) **7.30** Owl TV (3975381) **8.00** Lassie (1314010) **8.30** Pentaghost (1313381) **9.00** The Raccoons (1400861) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (9622316) **10.00** Jem *(8235126)* ***10.30** Dungeons and Dragons* (1406045) **11.00** Film. Beware My Lovely (1952, b/w) starring Ida Lupino and Robert Ryan (94582652) **12.15pm** Film: Far Wind to Java (1953, b/w) starring Fred MacMurray (5834942) **1.45** To the Manor Born (3970229) **2.15** Bless This House (3882010) **2.45** EastEnders (11947300) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (4097738) **6.00** Campion (9738923) **7.00** Bless This House (7554316) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (7342805) **8.00** Bergerac (9799126) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (9875590) **10.00** Film: The Early Bird (1965) starring Norman Wisdom (9056720) **11.45** Frankie Howerd: Then Churchill Said to Me (4805768) **12.20am** Filthy, Rich and Catflap (2693169) **1.00-2.15** In Concert: Tanita Tikaram (79503966)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Stories Without Words (25132) **6.30** Cartoon Classics (46107) **7.00** The Best of Jack In the Box (75107) **7.30** David the Gnome (87942) **8.00** Storybreak (40316) **8.30** Prince Valiant (49687) **9.00** Galaxy High School (38652) **10.00** The Smoggies (83126) **11.00** Super Mario World (69590) **12.00** Adventure (1523836) **12.55pm** Interbang (7335687) **1.20** Phoenix Hall (7707774) **2.15** Animals in Action (209590) **2.45** Wonder Why? (8077478) **3.10** Dominic (7551132) **3.35** You Can't Do That on Television (3643958) **4.05** The Guys Next Door (5968403) **4.30** The Finder (82768) **5.30** Prince Valiant (1316) **6.00** Cartoon Classics (8229) **6.30-7.00** Stopwatch (8381)

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CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10-2.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (6795720) **5.00** Central News (2653565) **5.0 -5.15** The Central Match — Goals Extra (5319855) **11.25** Film Trapped (117126) **12.50** Shannon's Deal (6092237) **1.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (72782) **2.15** America's Top Ten (97091) **2.45** Film: The Melody Lingers On (633459) **4.15** Jobfinder (5825527) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8342695)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, *Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's* IndyCar 93 (17630126) **1.40-2.10** Get Wet (18874497) **5.00-5.15** HTV West News and Sport (9090590) **11.25** Film: Deadfall (57507107) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2275188) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (9326492) **2.35** BPM (2936633) **3.35** The *Little Picture Show (7725463)* ***4.35-5.30** The* Big E (7370459)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.15 HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (17630126) **1.40-2.10** Wrestling (18874497) **5.00** Meridian News (2653565) **5.05-5.15** Saturday Sport (5319855) **11.25-12.20** The Equalizer (440861)

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10** Captain Planet (17630126) **1.40-2.10** Speaking Our Language (18874497) **5.00** Scotsport Results (9090590) **5.15** The Box (5402519) **5.30** Scotland Today (930297) **5.45-6.10** Coach (578403) **11.25** Film: The Car (883478) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3904169) **1.40** BPM (4862072) **2.40** ITV Chart Show (9779140) **3.30** Film: Night of Terror (5234614) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3863121)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10-2.10** The A-Team (6795720) **5.00** Tyne Tees Saturday (9090590) **5.05-5.15** Cartoon Time **11.25** 50th Annual Golden Globe Awards *(580923)* ***12.55** Coach (4853072)* ***1.25** The* Law and Harry McGraw (5195275) **2.20** BPM (5415782) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (9322362) **4.20** Cue the Music (2539237) **5.15-5.30** The Twilight Zone (6042508)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.05** UTV Live (13100316) **1.10** Saturday Sport (13107229) **1.15-2.10** Transworld Sport (8678720) **3.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (8978316) **3.40** Cartoon (2319519) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1476565) **5.00** UTV Live (2653565) **5.05-5.15** Saturday Sport (5319855) **11.25** Film: Deadfall (57507107) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2275188) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (9326492) **2.35** BPM (2936633) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (7725463) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (7370459)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Anybody Out There? (44039) **1.10** Movies, Movies, Movies (17630126) **1.40-2.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (18874497) **5.00-5.15** Westcountry Weekend Latest (9090590) **11.25** Film: Deadfall (Michael Caine, Eric Portman, Giovanna Ralli) (57507107) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2275188) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (9326492) **2.35** BPM (2936633) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (7725463) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (7370459)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (44039) **1.10-2.10** The A-Team (6795720) **5.00-5.15** Calendar News (9090590) **11.25** 50th Annual Golden Globe Awards (580923) **12.55** Coach (4853072) **1.25** The Law and Harry McGraw (5195275) **2.20** BPM (5415782) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (9922362) **4.20** Cue the Music (2539237) **5.15-5.30** The Twilight Zone (6042508)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** David Bowie Story (2/6) **3.00** Bob Harris **6.00** Sheffield Sound City Rock Night: Music from Stronghearl, Kerbdog, Dogs D'Amour, Screaming Jets, Wolfsbane and Gun **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Charles Nove **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Sarah Kennedy **12.00** *Gyles Brandreth **1.00pm** Up the Pole: A tribute to Ben Warriss (r)* **1.30** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Chris Stuart: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Wired for Sound. The Cliff Richard Story (r) **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show (2/6) **7.00** As Time Goes By (2/6) **7.30** An Operatic Evening, live from the Barbican, London **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Chris Stuart (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon. 6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! with Tommy Boyd **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Premier League Football; Rugby Union: Wasps v Harlequins, Leicester v Northampton; Golf: US Masters, Augusta **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide: Simba Wanyika **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out, with Samantha Meah **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter From America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News Summary **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News Summary **8.01** Breakfast of Champions **8.15** The Making of the Middle East **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News Summary **2.01** Play of the Week: A Scourge of Hyacinths **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Indians Abroad **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown with Paul Gambaccini **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Michael Mappin **5.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Metropolitan Opera Orchestra under James Levine performs Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* **12.00-6.00am** Andre Leon

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Françaix (L'Horloge de Flore: Lajos Lencses, oboe; Stuttgart RSO under Uri Segal); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody: Bavarian Radio *Chorus and SO under Colin* Davis); Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor, Hen: Montreal Sinfonietta under Charles Dutoit); Telemann ("Paris" Quartet No 6 in E minor: Ensemble Florilegium); Mendelssohn, compl Fanny Mendelssohn (Songs from Op 9: Barbara Bonney, *soprano*, Geoffrey Parsons, *piano*); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor: Lars Vogt: CBSO *under Simon Rattle*)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Michael *Kennedy reviews Strauss* (Elektra) and John Warrack investigates the music of Clara Wieck, later Clara Schumann. **10.35 Record Release**: Clara Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 7: Angela Cheng; Women's Philharmonic under Jo Ann Falletta; Six Songs, Op 13); *Strauss (Violin Sonata, Op* 18); William Schuman (Symphony No 10, American Muse: St Louis SO under Slatkin); **12.12pm** Anthony Burton talks to the record producer Michael Fine, who works for Koch International Classics; Ellen Taaffe Zwilich (Flute Concerto: Doriot Anthony Dwyer) **1.00 News**
1.05 Borodin Quartet performs Beethoven (Grosse Fuge, Op 133); Schubert (Quartettsatz in C minor, D703; String Quintet in C, D956: with Natalia Gutman, cello)
2.30 Italian Interlude: Vivaldi (Concerto in A minor, Op 3 No 5: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, with Simon Standage and Miles Golding, violins); Dallapiccola (Piccolo Concerto per Muriel Couvreux: Bruno Canino, piano; Dallapiccola Ensemble under Luigi Suvini)
3.00 The Koussevitzky Legacy. *Humphrey Burton presents the* last of 12 programmes. Dallapiccola (Tartiniana: Columbia SO under Bernstein, with Ruth Posselt, violin); Harris (Symphony No 7: Philadelphia Orchestra under Ormandy); Virgil Thomson (Five songs from the opera Lord Byron: Budapest SO under James Bolle, with *Martyn Hill, tenor*); *Honegger* (Symphony No 5, Di tre re: Boston SO under Charles Munch); Bernstein (Serenade, after Plato's Symposium: Israel PO under the composer, with Gidon Kremer, violin)
4.50 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.30 *Live from the Met*: Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra under James Levine *performs Act 1 of Siegfried, the third opera in Wagner's epic Ring cycle*. Sung in German. With Gwyneth Jones as Brünnhilde and William Johns as Siegfried. **7.00** *A Night Out at the Met*. Jerry Miller looks at opera-goers past and present. **7.30** Act 2. **8.45** The Metropolitan Opera Quiz. **9.30** Act 3
11.00 Bill Frisell Band: Stuart Nicholson introduces a concert recorded in January at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, *London. With Bill Frisell, guitar,* Kermit Driscoll, bass, Joey Baron, drums, and Don Byron, clarinets
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Richard Sanders investigates countryside stewardship **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00** *Today, incl **7.00, 7.30**, **8.00**.* **8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway, presented by Eddie Mair
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin, Robert Elms and Victoria Mather
11.00 News; Talking Politics: A Year of Legislation. Sarah Baxter reports on the laws passed by politicians
11.30 Europhile, with Gordon Clough
12.00 Money Box, with Alison Mitchell
12.25pm The News Quiz chaired by Barry Took. With team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical debate in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, between Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers; Gerald Kaufman, MP; Ann Leslie, journalist and broadcaster; and Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Barabbas: See Choice
3.45 Stephen Pile Investigates the idiosyncracies of British society, starting with the history of the sermon (1/4) (r)
4.00 News; Ice Cream to Eskimos: See Choice
4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis
5.00 Costing the Earth: As Norwegian whaling boats prepare to resume commercial hunting, Roger Harrabin investigates whether the whale needs saving
5.25 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart presents the last in the series **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and **Sports Round-Up**
6.25 Stanza on Stage (r)
6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to five astrologers in Bath
7.20 Kaleidoscope: House of Straw. In 1923, the Straw family moved into a semi-detached house in Worksop. Their home now belongs to the National Trust
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre. Lent, by Michael Wilcox. Paul Blake (Ben Holden) is confined to his prep school during the Easter holidays of 1956. With Stephanie Cole as Mrs Blake, Mollie Sugden as Mrs Edwards, Geoffrey Palmer as Mr Edwards and Ronald Herdman as Mr Maitland
9.20 Music in Mind, with Brian Kay
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News 10.15 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires the cricket quiz. With Tim Rice, Willie Rushton, William Franklyn and Paul Merton (r)
10.45 Rich Pickings: Enemies. Derek Jacobi and Haydn Gwynne read poetry and prose about relationships
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Simon Joly (r)
11.30 Dracula: The first episode of a seven-part dramatisation of Bram Stoker's epic vampire *novel. With Frederick Jaeger as the blood-thirsty count* (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Ice Cream to Eskimos. *Radio 4, 4.00pm.*
If you can sell ices to Eskimos, they say, you can sell anything to anybody. Nevertheless, there does not seem to be much milage in one of the three promotional ideas featured in this documentary. An organisation asks an advertising agency to advise them how best to mount a campaign predicated on the conviction that feminism is a dangerous cancer and/or perversion. By comparison, trying to give bloodsports a squeaky clean image sounds like child's play.

Playhouse: Barabbas. *Radio 4, 2.30pm.*
Influenced perhaps by the York Mystery plays, Eivor Martinus gives Yorkshire speech to the characters in his version of Par Lagerkvist's Nobel prize-winning novella, published in 1951. This produces dialogue that is both biblical and 20th century. The narrator's voice (is it Lagerkvist's?) is supplied by Simon Callow, whose accent is anything but Yorkshire. Lagerkvist imagines the further adventures of the robber (played by Barrie Rutter), whose place on the Cross has been taken by Christ. It is a tale of martyrdom, not so much powered by faith as flecked with it.
Peter Davalle

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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (7996072)
7.40 Film: That's Right, You're Wrong (1939, b/w). The first of a series of films starring the band leader Kay Kyser. Directed by David Butler (7644121)
9.10 News and weather (8636633)
9.15 See Hear! For the hearing impaired. Includes a report on the deaf unit for psychiatric patients at *Springfield hospital* (s) (698966)
9.45 Easter Eucharist from Norwich Cathedral (s) (9456617)
11.00 Urbi et Orbi Pope John Paul II's Easter message and blessing (2702985)
11.40 Cracking the Egg. Jeffrey Boswell explores aspects of the natural egg (r) (5225072)
12.30 CountryFile (5024492) Wales: Between Ourselves **12.55 Weather** (37187898)
1.00 News (13070121) Followed by **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: The Making of a Movie Classic** The story behind the film. (Ceefax) (8654140)
2.00 EastEnders (r). *(Teletext) (s) (93508)*
3.00 Film: The Wizard of Oz (1939, colour and b/w) starring Judy Garland. Enchanting fairy tale musical about the young girl who is swept by a storm to a magical kingdom beyond the rainbow. Directed by Victor Fleming *(53086985)* ***4.40 Cartoon*** (7304546)
4.50 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of the St Mungo *Community Trust (s) (7393430)*
5.00 The Legend of Lochnagar. The Prince of Wales narrates an animated version of the story he wrote for his younger brothers when he was 21 (9940)

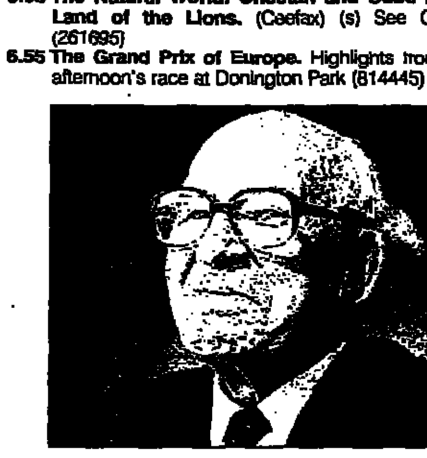


Tasters: Elphick, Grossman, Carrier (5.30pm)

5.30 MasterChef. (Ceefax) See Choice (813072)
6.05 News (Ceefax) and weather (376904)
6.20 Songs of Praise For Easter Day from Norwich Cathedral. (Ceefax) (s) (997633)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine. *The geriatric trio try to* help Smiler find a landlady after his wife of 33 years decides to go and live with her sister in Australia (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9184)
7.30 A Year in Provence. Time drags on — even in July. (Ceefax) (s) (614)
8.00 Lovejoy. In the last of the series Lovejoy learns to regret ignoring Tinker's words of wisdom. Starring Ian McShane (Ceefax) (s) (285985)
8.55 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (921343)
9.10 You, Me and It. The final episode of Andrew Payne's drama about a couple trying to have a baby. (Ceefax) (s) (883362)
10.00 Mastermind introduced by Magnus Magnusson from Arundel Castle. The specialist subjects are Shelley, cricket: England v Australia 1920-1938; the siege of Paris 1870-1871; and the Romanov dynasty 1613-1918 (s) (29362)
10.30 Everyman: Bosnia's Last Testament. Journalist Ed Vulliamy, who first broke the news of the Serbian detention camps, returns to Bosnia. (Ceefax) (s) (290324). Northern Ireland: A Dream Shared
11.10 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. *Macbeth* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (411985). Northern Ireland: 11.20 Love is Come Again 11.35 Everyman
11.40 Cats. The second of a five-part series on the domestic cat (r) (291343)
12.10am Weather (4827657). *Northern Ireland: (to 12.40)* Shakespeare's Animated Tales

BBC2

7.30 Children's BBC beginning with **Opposites Attract** *Nature series (r) (s)* (4471701) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (4468237) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (5852985) **8.15 Timeless Tales** *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* (r) (4243782) **8.40 Favourite Songs** An animated version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" *(2009985)* ***9.05 Follow That Bunny****. A musical* story (s) (7399169) **9.30 Jonny Briggs**. Episode two of a 13-part children's story (r) (2731343)
9.45 The Movie Game. Film and video quiz (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7287166) **10.10 Rugrats**. Animation (s) *(7077614)* ***10.30 Grange Hill****. Episode two of the* original nine-part serial shown in 1978 (Ceefax) (1080508) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (5084169) **11.45 The O-Zone**. Pop music magazine (s) (4461782) **12.00 Angel and the Soldier Boy**. *An animated story backed by music* from Clannad (r) (26275)
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.30, 1.10** and **2.00** Motor Racing: a preview, the build-up and live *coverage of the Grand Prix of Europe from* Donington Park; **12.45** Touring Cars: highlights of the first round of the *Auto Trader* British championship; **3.45** Gymnastics: a preview of the world championships beginning tomorrow in Birmingham; **4.00** Formula 3: highlights of the second round from Thruxton, **4.25** Golf: third round action in the US Masters from Augusta (23795275). *Northern Ireland: 3.45 GAA Football*
5.05 Rugby Special. Highlights from the Pilkington Cup *semi-finals* and the Melrose Sevens (s) (3832362). Northern Ireland: First Trust senior cup semifinals; Wales: Pontypridd v Swansea, Llanelli v South Wales Police, Cardiff v Barbarians
6.05 The Natural World: Cheetah and Cubs in the Land of the Lions. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (261695)
6.55 The Grand Prix of Europe. Highlights from this afternoon's race at Donington Park (814445)



Memories of Blackpool: Tom Redfern (7.40pm)

7.40 The Nineties. *Another in the series of stories told by* the country's senior citizens. (Ceefax) (s) (384695)
8.20 Every Picture Tells a Story. Andrew Graham Dixon explores the mystery surrounding Théodore Géricault's *The Raft of Medusa*. (Ceefax) (s) (250324)
9.00 Golf. Live coverage of the closing holes of the US Masters from Augusta, Georgia, introduced by Steve Rider (63352576)
11.50 Film: The Parallax View (1974) starring Warren *Beatty, Paula Prentiss and William Daniels. A crisp* political thriller about a reporter who investigates a senator's death and uncovers a frightening conspiracy. Directed by Alan J. Pakula. (Ceefax) (773898). Ends at **1.35am**

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CHOICE

Celebration: Daphne du Maurier — the Loving Spirit
ITV, 11.15pm

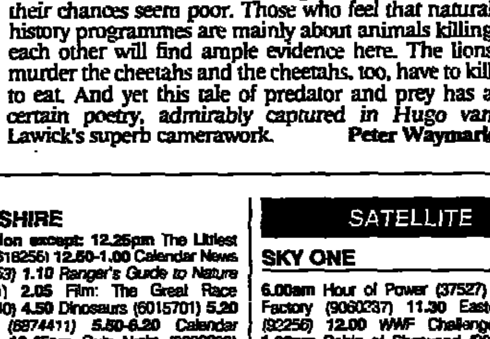
Du Maurier's official biographer, Margaret Forster, *hosts a television version of her recent book in which* she used the life to illuminate the work. Forster offers no apology for raking once more over her subject's troubled sexuality, arguing that this is the only way to understand the novels and stories. The thesis is a *persuasive one and may acquit Forster of prurience.* There is no attempt to assess du Maurier's literary achievement or explain her popularity. The fiction is employed solely to chart the writer's inner torments, which led to an extra-marital affair and a crush on the actress *Gertrude Lawrence. The film is stylishly* directed by Andrew Piddington and makes effective use of photographs and film clips.

Masterchef 1993
BBC1, 5.30pm

One teatime institution, *Antiques Roadshow*, gives *way to another as Loyd Grossman and his eccentric* vowels return to conduct another search for Britain's top amateur cook. We are in for three months of dainty dishes, accompanied by such Grossman superlatives as terrific, marvellous, fabulous and amazing. Never mind the taste, the adjectives are justified by the colours alone. The formula is sensibly unchanged. The contestants, who have 2½ hours to cook a meal for *four, are a photographic stylist, a Women's Institute* stalwart and an optometrist. The expert judge is Robert Carrier while *Boon* actor Michael Elphick speaks for you and me. The show boasts a first. Never before in *Masterchef* has tuna fish been on the menu.

The Horse Detectives
Channel 4, 7.00pm

Ben, Skoobi Doo, Peter and Ellie are ponies and all have been stolen. Their owners (all women) are understandably distraught. One says *it is like losing a* child. Horse theft is on the increase. His face blacked out to prevent identification, a convicted thief explains why. It is easy to do and very profitable. Some of the animals are sold for meat, a terrible thought, and *others for breeding. Victims have set up Horsewatch*, a sort of amateur detective agency which works in collaboration with the police. Two of its stalwarts, Sue Evans and Lorraine Ludlow, travel thousands of miles a year, visiting auctions and providing a sympathetic shoulder for owners to cry on. And cry they do.



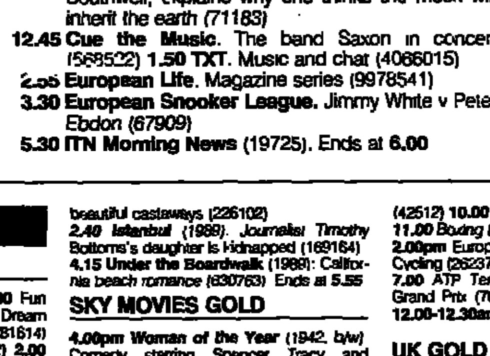
Prey for lions: a cheetah and cub (BBC2, 6.05pm)

The Natural World: Cheetah and Cubs in the Land of Lions
BBC2, 6.05pm

The life expectancy of a cheetah is discouragingly short. Only one cub in 20 survives into maturity. Many are killed by lions. Shot in the Serengeti Plain in Tanzania, this film follows the fortunes of twin cubs, one male and one female, as they try to confound the statistics. As other cubs are slaughtered around them their chances seem poor. Those who feel that natural history programmes are mainly about animals killing each other will find ample evidence here. The lions murder the cheetahs and the cheetahs, too, have to kill to eat. And yet this tale of predator and prey has a certain poetry, *admirably captured in Hugo van* Lawick's superb camerawork. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (91062701)
8.55 Disney Club *presented by Andrea Boardman, Paul* Hendy and Richard Orford (15342411)
10.45 Link. A profile of Celeste Dandekar, a dancer who broke her back and now runs a dance company for disabled and non-disabled performers (Teletext) (6612324)
11.00 Morning Worship from the Roman Catholic shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk (s) (13850)
12.00 This Sunday Magazine series with a religious theme (13701)
12.30 An Invitation To Remember *The veteran actor Sir* John Mills recalls his life and career (31695)
1.00 News with Penny Marshall. Regional news and weather (93783140)
1.15 The Smurfs An extended cartoon adventure (r) (9423343)
2.00 Survival: Billpower. The last in the nature series looks at the British Isles's ten species of finches Narrated by Tim Pigott-Smith. (Teletext) (1256)
2.30 The London Match Ian St John introduces live *coverage of the first division promotion match* between West Ham United and Leicester at Upton Park (515527)
5.00 Gardening Roadshow. With Jeni Barnett, Roddy Llewellyn, Dr Fraser Leggatt and Daphne Foulsham. *The guest is Coronation Street actor Ken Morley* (Teletext) (s) (1910546)
5.45 Cartoon Time (482898)
6.00 London Tonight with Fiona Foster. Weather (529350)
6.20 News and weather (960492)
6.30 Classic Coronation Street A nostalgic trawl through three decades of the popular soap, *presented by Judy Finnigan (Teletext) (27985)*
7.30 Film: Big Business (1988) starring Bette Midler and Lily Tomlin. Uneven but likeable farce about two sets of identical twins that are mixed up at birth. Years later two of the girls arrive in New York to take on a conglomerate that is going to raze their small town and discover it is run by the other twins. Directed by Jim Abrahams (Teletext) (s) (96807017)
9.10 Maigret. Georges Simenon's dogged Paris detective investigates the disappearance of politically sensitive documents Starring Michael Gambon. (Teletext) (s) (767850)
10.10 *Aspel & Company*. *With Michael Aspel are the* former hostage John McCarthy and his girlfriend Jill Morrell, who just happen to have written a book. (s) (436904)
10.55 News and weather (804430)



Sexual torment: Daphne du Maurier (11.15pm)

11.15 Celebration: Daphne du Maurier — the Loving Spirit. See Choice (489053)
12.15am Encounter: On the Edge. Ruth Shelton, a former director of a Nottingham day centre, now the social responsibility officer for the diocese of Southwell, explains why she thinks the meek will inherit the earth (71183)
12.45 Cue the Music. The band Saxon in concert (568522) **1.50 TXT.** Music and chat (4066015)
2.55 European Life. Magazine series (9978541)
3.30 European Snooker League. Jimmy White v Peter Ebdon (67909)
5.30 ITN Morning News (19725). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (2573633) **6.55 Dennis** (r) (4762850) **7.05 The Wombles** (r) (4403966) **7.10 Widget** (s) (6000459) **7.35 Sharky and George** Cartoon adventures of a pair of fishy detectives (7391782) **8.05 Doug** Animation (8195898) **8.30 Strangers.** Episode five of a six-part drama (s) (17527)
9.00 Tintin Episode one of *The Red Sea Sharks* (36409) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (2726411) **9.45 Flipper** Adventures of a friendly dolphin (613275)
10.15 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Classic western adventures starring Clayton Moore as the masked goody (605256)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Science fiction adventures (r) (835695)
11.45 Little House On the Prairie Drama series about a close-knit Kansas Plains family during the Depression, starring Michael Landon (831879)
12.45 Film: Jason and the Argonauts (1963) starring Todd Armstrong Live action and animation is combined for a lively retelling of Jason's mythological search for the Golden Fleece. Directed by Don Chaffey (21730898)
2.40 Little Match Girl. An animated version of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy story, updated and set in latter day New York (r) (4120168)
3.10 House Cat. Animation (7643898)
3.20 Nureyev. A *South Bank Show* profile of the great ballet dancer who died in January, introduced by Melvyn Bragg (r) (3426035)
4.50 TV Stations of the Cross. The last in the series looks at how Christ's death and resurrection has been portrayed in art and music. Teletext) (s) (6907053)
5.10 News *summary and weather (2642459)*
5.15 High Interest: Shall We Tell the Shareholder? A report on how much control Britain's small investors have in the companies in which they have shares (1906343)
6.00 Moviewatch. Plymouth cinemagoers review the latest releases (s) (185)
6.30 The Wonder Years American comedy of teenage *Angst in the late 1960s. (Teletext)* (140)



Horsewatch: victims combat theft (7.00pm)

7.00 The Horse Detectives. (Teletext) See Choice (2695)
8.00 Raising the Roof. The last report on the progress of the Tyneside home builders (896140)
8.45 A-Z Letters From the Homeless. The conclusion of the series examining 26 facets of homelessness. (Teletext) (925169)
9.00 Film: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1987) starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winters. Wacky fantasy comedy about two teenagers who go back *in time to meet historical characters they hope can* help them with their exams A clever idea, pushed for all it is worth. Directed by Stephen Herek. (Teletext) (s) (24016879)
10.40 Home Truths. Jon Snow rounds off the *Gimme Shelter season with a discussion featuring* homelessness experts (2896237)
11.45 A-Z Letters From the Homeless A compilation of the five programmes looking at 26 aspects of homelessness. (Teletext) (736546)
12.50am Africa on Africa: Mbira Music. The role of music in Zimbabwe (r) (2131893). Ends at **1.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Food Guide (5059188) **1.10** Highway to Heaven *(9415324)* ***2.00-2.25*** *Candid Camera* Classics (28081121) **5.00** Survival (2508) **5.30** Bullseye (633) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (529350) **12.50am** *Film: Kenny Rogers as* The Gambler — Part III (277560) **2.35** Quiz Night (8303819) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (95275164) **3.35** Entertainment UK (8277980) **4.30** The Making of Dances With Wolves (58463831) **4.50-5.30** America's Top Ten (8807201)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Central *News Week (5059188)* ***1.10*** *Wrestling* (9424072) **1.55** Earthfile (11393430) **2.15** Coach (973169) **2.45** The Central Match — *Live (71813904)* ***5.05*** *Survival (1541689)* **5.35-6.20** Highway to Heaven (533324) **12.45am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (568522) *1.45 Island Son (6502560)* **2.40** Cue the Music (2902676) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (8209589) **4.35** Jobfinder (3849541) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6319367)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 In the *Name of Love (8607508)* **1.10** Wrestling (9415324) **2.00** The West Match (1230362) **2.50** Rock Sport (4493169) **3.05** The New Adventures of Davy Crockett (3893633) **3.55** Film: A Different Affair (417343) **5.35** Cartoon Time (495362) **5.45-6.20** Survival (581327) **12.50am** Film: Kenny Rogers as The Gambler — Part III (277560) **2.35** Quiz Night (8303819) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (95275164) **3.35** Entertainment UK *(8277980)* ***4.30*** *The Making of Dances With* Wolves (58463831) **4.50-5.30** America's Top Ten (8807201)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.25pm-1.00 An *Invitation to Remember* (Hayley Mills) **2.00-2.50** Soccer Sunday

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30pm Cartoon Time (4095879) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (14003053) **1.10** The Mouse and the Motorcycle (9415324) **2.00** Cartoon Time (42590817) **2.15** Film. The Thomas Crown Affair (745343) **4.05** Cartoon Time (4633782) **4.15** Highway to Heaven (724140) **5.15** Survival (582966) **5.45-6.20** Loud and Clear (581237) **12.45am** ITV Chart Show (568522) **1.45** Film Connecting Rooms (656454) **3.40** Kojak (8209589) **4.35** Videofashion (14001096) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (97164)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 The Littlest Hobo (8607508) **1.10** Rangers Guide to Nature (8648121) **2.05** Film, The Great Race (37374140) **4.50** Dinosaurs (6015701) **5.20** Survival (6874411) **5.50-6.20** The Back Page (588441) **12.45am** Quiz Night (9002893) **1.20** Memories of 1982 (9012270) **2.25** Film. Mohabat Ka Paigham (48110693) *4.55-5.30 Jobfinder (97164)*

ULSTER
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Gardening Time (8607508) **1.10** Rocksport (58656427) **1.35** Bon Voyage (18842898) **2.05** Film. The Scarlet and The Black (87633625) **4.40** Glenroe (5025188) **5.15-6.20** Coronation Street (720324) **12.50am** Film. Kenny Rogers as The Gambler — Part III (277560) **2.35** Quiz Night (8303819) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (95275164) **3.35** Entertainment UK (8277980) **4.30** The Making of Dances With Wolves (58463831) **4.50-5.30** America's Top Ten (8807201)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Entertainers (Bob Monkhouse) (5059188) ***1.10*** *Highway to Heaven (9415324)* ***2.00*** Westcountry Update (1256) **2.30** Film: The Second Time Around (7376-256) **4.20** Cartoon (4654275) **4.30** The Westcountry Match (4547169) **5.15** Survival (582966) **5.45-6.20** Brief Encounters (581237) **12.50am** Film: The Gambler — Part III (277560) **2.35** Quiz Night (8303819) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (95275164) **3.35** Entertainment UK (8277980) **4.30** The Making of Dances With Wolves (58463831) **4.50-5.30** Top Ten (8807201)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm The Littlest Hobo (8618256) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News *(14003053)* ***1.10*** *Ranger's Guide to Nature* (8646121) **2.05** Film: The Great Race (37374140) **4.50** Dinosaurs (6015701) **5.20** *Survival (6874411)* ***5.50-6.20*** *Calendar* (502091) **12.45am** Quiz Night (9002893) **1.20** Memories of 1982 (9012270) **2.25** Film: Mohabat Ka Paigham (48110693) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97164)

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Starts: 7.05 The Wombles (4403966) **7.10** Widget (6000459) **7.35** Sharky and George (7391782) **8.05** Doug (8195898) **8.30** Strangers (17527) **9.00** Jealin (36409) **9.30** Dennis (2726411) **9.45** Flipper (613275) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (605256) **10.45** Land of the Giants (835695) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (831879) **12.45** Siarad Plaen (5045965) **1.10** Cedra'ar Pasg (17698140) **1.40** Eerie, Indiana (18832411) **2.10** Fragile Earth (7797237) **3.10** House Cat (7643898) **3.20** Nureyev (3426035) **4.50** *The Enormous Lies (7386140)* **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (3850) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (11127546) **7.15** Bwrw'r Sul (460053) **8.05** Hel Straeon (791904) **8.35** Film: Elenya (2550091) **10.05** Newyddion (349411) **10.10** Saith Diwmod Ar Y Sul (719121) **10.25** Film: Cathy Come Home (8528352) **11.50** Raising the Roof (696879) **12.30** High Interest (9456522) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (37527) **7.00** Fun Factory (9060237) **11.30** Easter Dream (92256) **12.00** *WWF* Challenge (81614) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (90362) **2.00** Trapper John (35508) **3.00** Xposure (3633) **3.30** Fashion TV (8695) **4.00** UK Top 40 (82679) **5.00** All American Wrestling (4985) **6.00** The Simpsons (87898) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (24343) **8.00** I'll Take Manhattan: First of a four-part mini series (11879) **10.00** Wiseguy (23614) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (72527) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (56140) **6.30** News and Business Report (281343) **9.30** Talking with David Frost: Sir John Gielgud (60985) **10.30** *Talking with David Frost (42091)* ***11.30*** *The* National Gallery — A Private View (62633) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (20879) ***1.30*** *Target (21508)* ***2.30*** *Roving Report* (64430) **3.30** The Lords (40121) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (2256) **5.00** Live at *Five (88430)* **6.30** Roving Report (49121) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3985) **9.30** Target (63362) **10.30** Roving Report (76614) **11.30** ABC News (46985) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (80947) **1.30** ABC News (93454) **2.30** Target (63102) **3.30** ABC News (75947) **4.30** The National Gallery (45305) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (66657)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (26558)
8.00 Primo Baby (1989): A teenage girl trains a blind racehorse (59188)
10.00 Mission of the Shark (1991): Second world war drama about the sinking of the cruiser USS Indianapolis (73695)
12.00 Grand Larceny (1988): Marlu Henner learns how to steal (32411)
2.00pm Conagher (1991). Sam Elliott befriends Katharine Ross (14966)
4.00 King Ralph (1991): John Goodman ascends to the British throne (9817)
6.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992) Comedy in which two medical students create a monster (51695)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (1351)
8.00 Suburban Commando (1991): Hulk Hogan as an alien who moves in with Christopher Lloyd and family (38275)
10.00 Maniac Cop 2 (1990): The psychopathic law enforcer returns (63430)
11.30 A Nightmare on Elm Street 5 — The Dream Child *(1989): Freddy Krueger* infiltrates a baby's mind (15091)
1.00am Return to the Blue Lagoon (1991). *Brian Krause and Milla Jovovich play the* beautiful castaways (226102)
2.40 Istanbul *(1989). Journalist Timothy* Bottoms's daughter is kidnapped (169164)
4.15 Under the Boardwalk (1989): *California beach romance (630763)* Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm *Woman of the Year* *(1942, b/w)* Comedy starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn (7873)
6.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde *(1941, b/w).* Spencer Tracy develops a split personality. With Ingrid Bergman (85492)
8.00 The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981): Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons star as ill-fated lovers (62280411)
10.05 Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here (1969): Robert Redford pursues Indian Robert Blake (743362). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Dot and the Koala (5016053) **7.15 Dot and the Kangaroo** (5824237)
8.40 Big Ideas: Eco-drama (89471898)
10.20 King of the Hill (1990). William Russ as a veteran baseball player (12343053)
12.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 (1991) More adventures (30053)
2.00pm Where the Red Fern Grows *(1990). A soldier returns home (12508)*
4.00 Lost in the Barrens (1990). A city boy and an American Indian learn to survive in the *wilderness (7459)*
6.00 Dick Tracy (1990): Warren Beatty stars as the comic-strip gangster (25072)
8.00 Dying Young (1991): Julia Roberts nurses Campbell Scott (37817)
10.00 Sleeping with the Enemy (1991) Psychological thriller starring Patrick Bergin and Julia Roberts (650053)
11.45 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990). Roy Scheider is hired to film a gangster's execution (785508)
1.35am Seven Minutes: Thriller about one man's attempt to assassinate Hitler (102218)
3.15 Children of Sanchez *(1979): Starring* Anthony Quinn (713034) Ends at **5.10**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (85527) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (96121) **9.00** Jack *High (18904)* **10.00** Goals on Sunday (15256) **11.00** Red Line (95492) **12.00** Builders (55898) **1.00pm** Snowboarding (79968) **1.30** Netbusters (68362) **2.00** Snooker (61898) **4.00** British Darts: England v Wales (6121) **6.00** WWF Special Event from Sheffield Arena (74362) **8.00** Snooker (664527) **11.00** WWF Special Event (73324) **1.00-2.00am** Red Line (36725)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (73940) **8.00** Show *Jumping (17350)* **9.00** *European Grand Prix* (42512) **10.00** Karting 1993 Preview (73904) ***11.00*** *Boxing (20188)* ***12.00*** *Cycling (74411)* **2.00pm** European Grand Prix (56968) **4.00** Cycling (26237) **5.00** Show Jumping (24430) **7.00** ATP Tennis (12169) **9.00** European Grand Prix (70546) **11.00** Cycling (23463) **12.00-12.30am** Eurofun Magazine (48724)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12787140) **6.15** Button Moon (12762695) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6211546) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3983546) **7.30** Owl TV (3942053) **8.00** Lassie The Bracelet (1381782) **8.30** Pentaghost (1380053) **9.00** Film: Christopher Columbus (1949) starring Fredric March(42481121) **10.50** Film: Ferry to Hong Kong (1959) starring Orson Welles (85727121) **12.50pm** Film. So Long at the *Fair (1950, b/w) starring Jean Simmons and* Dirk Bogarde (12175633) **2.30** Bless This House (2192102) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus *(4480256)* **5.30** Aliens Next Door (2897350) **6.00** Film. Bugsy Malone (1976) starring Scott Baio and Jodie Foster (62904879) **7.40** The Two Ronnies (3596091) **8.40** Film *Purple Rose of Cairo (1985) starring Mia* Farrow and Jeff Daniels (60868099) **10.10** Alas Smith and Jones (8812512) **10.40** Film. Code of Silence (1985) starring Chuck Norris (14461546) **12.15am** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (4134270) **1.00-2.00** In Concert. Grace Jones (3533015)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00 Stories Without Words (23850) **6.30** Cartoon Classics (66091) **7.00** The Best of Jack in the Box (86343) **7.30** David the Gnome (65850) **8.00** Bobobobs (57782) **8.30** Prince Valiant (56053) **9.00** Galaxy High School (49698) **10.00** The Smoggies (94362) **11.00** Super Mario World *(81898)* **12.00** Zoom (1590508) **12.55pm** Interbeing (7239459) **1.20** Pugwall (7601546) **2.15** *Earthworks (236275)* **2.45** Winners (2768102) **3.35** Chicken Minute (3530430) **4.05** Commander Crumbcake (5662275) **4.30** The Barrons (6256) **5.00** TVFM (4782) **5.30** Prince Valiant (7508) **6.00** Cartoon Classics (7121) **6.30-7.00** Stopwatch (1701)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert. Mozart (Sinfonia, Der Schauspieldirektor). Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor), Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes, On the Town); Ravel (La valse); *Mozart (Symphony* No 41 in C, K511, Jupiter) **9.00 News**
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BWV 1069); Delius (The March of Spring); Rossini, arr Friedrich Berr (Quartet No 2 in G), **9.47** Artist of the Week: Leonard Bernstein Ravel (Piano Concerto in G), *Composer of the Week* preview: Palestrina *(Haec Dies, Tu es Petrus):* Mascagni (Easter Hymn, Cavalleria Rusticana); Rawsthorne (Gus the Theatre Cat; Bustopher Jones, Practical Cats); Fibich (Symphonic poem, Spring); Czerny (Fantaisie brillante): *Bernstein (The Paris Waltz;* Glitter and Be Gay, Candide); Corelli (Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 2); Moeran *(Songs of* Springtime), Copland (Suite, Appalachian Spring)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Ensemble recordings of medieval and *Renaissance music*
1.00pm News 1.05 Table Talk: Leslie Forbes samples the culinary *delights of Zanzibar*
1.20 From the Proms 1992: BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Andrew Davis perform Fauré (Pavane); Ravel *(Piano Concerto* in D, for the Left Hand Pascal Rogé): Elena Firsova (Augury); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5 in D) Including at **2.05** Interval Reading (r)
2.55 Mozart *Serenade in B flat,* K361 (Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble) (r)
3.45 Vespers for Easter, circa 1620, as directed by Monteverdi, maestro at St Mark's Basilica, Venice Taverner Consort. Choir and Players *under* Parrott (r)
5.45 Listening to . . . Schubert. Michael Hall reviews the piano sonatas in C minor, D958 and B flat, D960
6.30 Chilingirian Quartet: Mendelssohn (Capriccio in E minor, Op 81 No 3); Dvořák (String Quartet in G, Op 106) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Walker in the Night. David Calcutt's dramatic exploration of the Dark Age epic poem "Beowulf". On the eve of his battle against the dragon, the warrior Beowulf (Stephen Tomlin) is haunted by the spirit of the monster Grendel (Richard Avery). Storyteller Andy Hockley
8.55 Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly performs Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor, Farewell); Berio (Requies — in memoriam Cathy Berberian); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat)
10.20 José Feghali, piano, plays Schumann (Arabeske in C, Op 18), Kenneth Leighton (Five Studies, Op 22); Debussy *(L'isle joyeuse)*: Ernesto Nazareth (Odeon; Apanhei-te cavaquinho; Escorregando; *Brejeiro); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz* No 1) (r)
11.20 Music in Our Time: Percussive Rotterdam, *with* Robert van Sice, quartertone marimba, recorded at the Festival of Microtonal *Music* in London. Xenakis (Métaux, Pleiades); Cage (Quartet); James Wood (Spirit festival with lamentations)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News *Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, *incl Bells on Sunday from* Eastbourne Parish Church **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** *Sunday Papers* **7.15** *On Your* Farm: Robert Forster meets the Rev Glynn Davies **7.40** *Sunday* **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Grenville Janner, the *president of Reach, talks for the Week's Good Cause* about how the expertise of retired *professionals helps charities* **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America *by* Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the *church of St Sebastian and* St Pancras, Kingsbury Green
10.25 The Archers: Omnibus
11.25 Letters to a Friend I Never Knew: Ted Harrison writes to his kidney donor
11.40 Pick of the Week, with Russell Davies (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is the horse-racing expert Lord *Oaksey* **12.55** *Weather*
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Bidford-on-Avon and District Gardening Society in Warwickshire put *their questions to the experts.* Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: La Bête Humaine: *Second of a three-part dramatisation of Emile Zola's classic thriller. With* Michael Maloney, Martin Head and Imogen Stubbs
3.30 Trumpets and Foie Gras: *First of a four-part celebration* by Roderick Graham of the life of Sydney Smith
4.00 News; Analysis: Flexible Friends? Economic reforms by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in the Third World (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen discusses reading lists in schools with David Pascal, chairman of the National *Curriculum* Council, and Anne Barnes of the National Association of Teachers of *English*
5.00 News; A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides: Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan *follow* in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell (1/6) (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley *(r)*
6.30 Europhile (r)
7.00 In Business (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: *Nigel Forde* explores the life and work of the poet Philip Larkin (r)
8.00 Punters *(r)*
8.30 Reading Aloud: Kathleen Ferrier — A Memory. Roy Henderson's recollection of the English contralto. Read by *Denis Quilley*
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by *George Macpherson (r)*
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 Missing Believed Immortal: See Choice
11.00 Birdies: A comic look at women and golf by Maureen Lipman
11.30 Seeds of Faith: *Myrtle* Langley, director of training for Carlisle Diocese, looks for *intimations of immortality and* their fulfilment in Christ
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Missing Believed Immortal. *Radio 4, 10.15pm.*
Inevitably, the awful shadow of his fate hangs over June Knox-Mawer's account of the last years of the English missionary Alfred Sadd, murdered by the Japanese on a Pacific island in 1942. But this is no chronicle of doom and gloom. Sadd was an exuberant preacher and teacher, full of fun and a prankster. And if the arm of God did not ultimately stretch out to save him from the Japanese, it did at least save him from being blown to bits off a coral reef and dying from a poisoned fish *soufflé*.

Braden — from Breakfast to Bedtime. *Radio 2, 11.00am.*
Originally broadcast in 1991 to mark the fortieth anniversary of the two comedy shows *Breakfast with Braden* and *Bedtime with Braden*, this compilation is aired again. This time, however, it marks a sadder occasion — the death earlier this year of the Canadian broadcaster around whom the shows were so solidly constructed. The scripts bore the unmistakable imprint of Frank Muir and Denis Norden, and Bernard Levin, a fan of the Bradens, speaks the eulogistic prologue this morning. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Chris Rea in Concert at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre **9.30** Gary Davies (**FM** only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **11.00** Braden — from Breakfast to Bedtime (r). See Choice **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats. **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy; **4.00** Gems of Operetta, **4.30** Sing Something Simple; **5.00** Charlie Chester: In the Holy Land **7.00** Prom Praise: All Souls Choir and Orchestra under Noel Tredinnick, recorded at the Albert Hall **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Goldfish — The Movie, by Betsy Byars (2/3) **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative Omnibus **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Sunday Sport, with Jonathan Legard, Motor Racing: European Grand Prix from Donington; Golf: US Masters *from Augusta; Rugby League: news and reports* **6.00** It's About the Ad: Sue Nelson investigates (r) **6.30** Down and Out in Knightsbridge (r) **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.30** Dear Nobody, by Berlie Doherty **9.00** Golf: US Masters from Augusta **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

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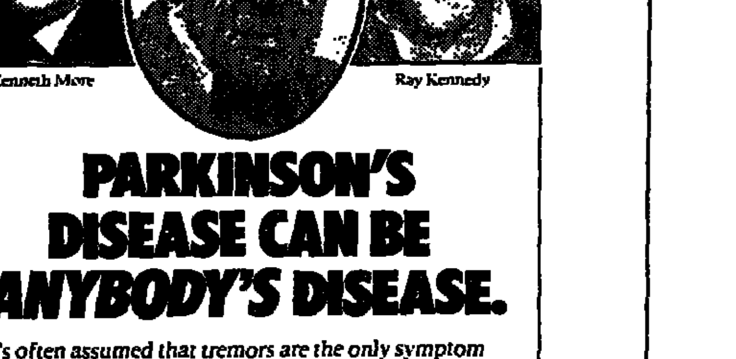
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature **5.30** Short Story: Wild Dandelions **5.45** A Taste of Soul **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: Wild Dandelions **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: A Scourge of Hyacinths **2.00** News **2.01** Heritage **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Indians Abroad **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story: Wild Dandelions **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** Breakfast of Champions **2.15** The Making of the Middle East **2.45** World Bandstand **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month: Kurt Weill **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice with Paul Callan **1.00pm** Easter Dedications **3.00pm** Sing Hallelujah **6.00** The 1893 Show with Robert Cowan **7.00** Music of Britain and Ireland: The English Song **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture): Mahler (Symphony No 2) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

FREQUENCIES: RADIO 1: *1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;* FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; ***WORLD SERVICE:*** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102.

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Cookery, cabaret and confession



What's cooking: Loyd Grossman starts a new search for the amateur masterchef



On Monday's *Brookside*, Max complains there is never any good television over the Easter holiday. Don't believe him. You have to ignore the sugared corn of some of the kiddie excesses, but that's easy; and there are some good films on as well. And even if it takes you a while to get over the shock of seeing the Prince of Wales only three inches tall at the end of his animated fable (see under Small Royal), make sure you recover in time to watch this week's *True Stories*.

Masterchef 1993
Tomorrow, BBC1, 5.30pm
A new series, with the same reliable ingredients as before. Three amateur chefs are given a studio kitchen, £30 to spend on food, and two and a half hours of torture time to prepare a three-course meal for four people.

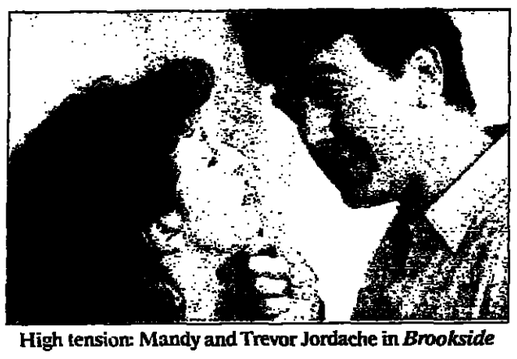
Loyd Grossman is our host with the gusto. Two celebrity guests — this week the actor Michael Elphick, who seems surprised to be having a good time, and the chef Robert Carrier, who camps it up like a frivolous Gore Vidal — join him to taste the offerings and decide on a winner. The standard of cooking is high, but where the programme really succeeds is hooking you nervously into the intricate labours of the contestants.

And, of course, there is that nasty voice in all of us which is calling out for them to mess up, big time.

The Natural World: Cheetahs and Cubs in the Land of the Lions
Tomorrow, BBC2, 6.05pm
Watch it with the sound turned down. Neither the script nor its delivery are as dismally soppy as in some nature programmes, but still, the amused chuckles in the throat, the cheerful description of the two cheetah cubs' struggle with the first year and a half of their lives ("this time the twins have got away with it, but the lions *will* be back...") and the emotive music all get in the way of what the excellent photography is actually showing. The tale is a brutal one: predators and prey. It's often beautiful, so why try to make it pretty?

Every Picture Tells a Story: The Raft of the Medusa
Tomorrow, BBC2, 8.20pm
The French ship *The Medusa* was wrecked at sea in 1816. The captain (whose incompetence had caused the wreck), the more important members of his crew and the rich passengers all went to the lifeboats. The poorest ones aboard were forcibly bundled on to a raft and cut adrift to go to their likely deaths.

Ultimately, 15 survived, a fraction of the original occupants of the raft, through cannibalism and murder. In 1818, Théodore Géricault painted his picture of the moment when the survivors caught sight of their possible rescue vessel. The painting hangs in the Louvre and is the primary sacrament of the cult of Géricault, whose members call themselves "Géricault's Madmen".


High tension: Mandy and Trevor Jordache in *Brookside*

Andrew Graham-Dixon, the art critic, is a fully paid-up member of the cult. In this film he visits some others. Each has an entirely different version of the meaning of the painting, each has an entirely different vision of the artist, who died at the age of 34 and whose life is still a mystery (despite the fact that almost everyone whom Graham-Dixon meets has written a book about Géricault, and one, Hans-Werner Henze, has composed a revolutionary oratorio inspired by the painting).

It gets over-wordy towards the end, when Graham-Dixon tries too hard to reconcile the irreconcilable, but this is a fascinating programme, the result of what happens when an art critic's obsession turns him into a cultural detective.

Acoustic Routes
Monday, BBC2, 5pm
Billy Connolly introduces this portrait of the musician, Bert Jansch and he does it with devotion (most fans want to look like their hero, it takes a true fan to want floorboards just like his hero's). Jansch plays beautiful melancholy guitar in a style that's based on blues. And he sings in an easy melancholy way that makes the hairs on the neck stand on end. The programme traces Jansch's career from the folk boom of the late 1950s and ends with a duet between him and his own hero, the blues great Brownie McGhee.

There's some sadness to this portrait, as it catches up with Jansch's contemporaries — ageing musicians who were once in a vanguard and now tell bitter stories of having their songs stolen by more famous performers. But it makes you glad to be reacquainted with the likes of Whizz Jones and Martin Carthy, as well as making you share Connolly's love for the great Jansch himself.

Brookside
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Channel 4, 8pm
The Liverpool soap has recently brought in A Very Evil Man, which is always good value, but it's surrounded the sinister figure of Trevor Jordache with a domestic storm of ambivalent emotions, which is even better value.

It's no surprise, though, that Mick has money worries with his takeaway business when it takes him about a quarter of an episode to spread tomato paste over his pizza base.

Arena Special: Edgar Reitz — Return to Heimat
Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm
Edgar Reitz was the first member of his family to leave his south German village for a university education and life in the city. He stayed away, hitched up with the avant-gardists of the 1960s and started to make awkward, experimental films with titles such as *Speed* and *Communication*.

After 25 years, two failed marriages and the commercial flop of his latest feature film, he retired to a remote island to make notes about what had gone wrong with his life. Those notes turned into the film masterpiece *Heimat* (or Homeland), a 16-hour intimate epic of 60 years in the life of a south German village. Now, after four years of filming, he has finished his *Second Heimat*, which explores the other half of his life: the awkward experiments — avant garde art, Baader-Meinhof terrorism, and sexual round-robins — of the "fatherless generation" of the 1960s.

This study of Reitz's life and work (the two have become nearly identical), by the writer Carole Angier, is weak on insight and strong on gushing, but Reitz is interesting enough to survive Angier's presentation. *Heimat* was 16 hours long. The *Second Heimat* is 26 hours long. They're worth it, but don't be alarmed: this programme lasts only an hour.

Without Walls: New Nightmares
Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
Begins with a shiver, the usual technophobe paranoia of machines taking over, then spirals wildly, happily, almost despite itself, from nightmare into dream. Writers, scientists, a couple of nerds and a genius or two, sandwiched between gaudy futuristic images and backed by dizzy metal machine sounds, merrily speculate about the blessings of technology.

William Gibson, the sci-fi writer who invented the genre of cyberpunk, contemplates a blissful domestic future in which computers will be as invisible and potent as electric motors are today. J.G. Ballard calmly envisages the delights of virtual technology, when we will be able to play harmlessly with our own psychopathologies, and then warns — as if he feels he's been too optimistic so far — that intelligent machines of the future might see humans as an "unnecessary curse".

But the most chilling, and exciting, speculation comes from the scientist, Marvin Minsky: "When we do think we're able to make smart machines, maybe the first hundred or so of them will be insane."

!Viva Cabaret!
Wednesday, Channel 4, 10.30pm
Tom Jones is this week's guest host, and takes time out to belt out "It's Not Unusual". It's not, but the audience loves him anyway. The purpose-built set for this new series is being trumpeted as the cabaret from hell, but in truth it looks like a DIY job from Harrods. Also, I only saw one member of the audience smoking. If you're going for the authentic sleazy cabaret feel, can you do it with out poisonous clouds of cigarette fumes? There is a good, all-singing, all-embarrassing-the-audience performance from the Doug Anthony All-Stars, as well as the delightfully repulsive act of Johnny Fox. But the real star turn is Sandra Bernhard performing the Rolling Stones' song "Angie". After the jokey, hammy, "*Mick and me in our Carnaby* Street days" intro, she sings it for all that it's worth (and a little more besides) and draws you, very slowly and very intensely, into her very peculiar world.

True Stories: Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer
Thursday, Channel 4, 9.30pm
In 1990, at a biker bar in Florida called The Last Resort, Aileen Wuornos, a prostitute, lesbian and drifter, was arrested for the murders of seven men. It was said that she had solicited these men on a Florida highway and then shot them dead. This much is clear: she confessed to the crimes straight away, she was tried for the first one and despite claiming self-defence, she was found guilty and sentenced to the electric chair. Then it gets murky. In steps Arlene Pralle, a tiny, freckle-faced, born-again Christian, who runs a farm where she breeds horses and wolves: "they're an important part of our spiritual lives". Pralle had seen a photograph of "Lee" Wuornos in the newspaper and detected something sad and innocent in her eyes. "I read people's eyes". A correspondence began, the two women became friends.

The friendship culminated in Pralle legally adopting Wuornos. Lee's public defender lawyer was fired and replaced by Steven P. Glazer, a fat, bearded, dope-smoking former musician, who jauntily advertises on local television ("Dial Dr Legal"). At the subsequent appeal hearing, Glazer entered a plea of "No Contest". The death sentence was upheld.

Now enter Nick Broomfield. Broomfield is a documentary film-maker with a charming but persistent and informal style. It's a style that can appear mannered — editing that looks deceptively loose, lots of shots of handsome smiling Nick in T-shirt and jeans with a boom microphone in his hand, asking provocatively disingenuous questions of dangerous men — but here it works brilliantly. Broomfield beavers through the news footage (including Wuornos's videotaped confession), and he manages to get interviews with all the principals in the case. Only the police refuse to talk to him.

Arlene is by turn guarded, jabbering, defensive. Glazer is always performing (sometimes to his own guitar accompaniment and sometimes, which is far, hideously worse, to tapes of rock songs in which he's singing and playing all the instruments); and when Broomfield finally gets to interview Wuornos (who looks like a plain, heavy version of Susan Sarandon), she responds to his charm with her own, which is born out of hysteria and comes over as weirdly inappropriate flirting.

Broomfield pulls you, sometimes gently, sometimes not, into a strange, terrifying, but — and this is his achievement — *understandable* world. All the great themes are here: love, greed, death, betrayal. The programme of the week.

BEST FILMS

SATURDAY
Raiders of the Lost Ark 1981, US (BBC1, 7pm)
SUNDAY
Jason and the Argonauts 1963, GB (Channel 4, 12.45pm)
The Wizard of Oz 1939, US (BBC1, 3pm)
The Parallax View 1974, US (BBC2, 11.50pm)
MONDAY
Gigi 1958, US (BBC2, 3.10pm)
TUESDAY
2001: A Space Odyssey 1968, GB (Channel 4, 10pm)
The Sting 1973, US (BBC1, 10.20pm)
WEDNESDAY
Gun Crazy 1950, US (BBC2, 12.05am)
THURSDAY
They Live by Night 1948, US (BBC2, 12.05am)
FRIDAY
Badlands 1973, US (BBC2 11.20pm)

BEST MUSIC

SATURDAY
Ready Steady Go! (Channel 4, 11pm)
MONDAY
Rock Steady Special: k.d. lang (C4, 7.25pm)
THURSDAY
Elvis 56 (C4, 11.15pm)

SMALL ROYAL

SUNDAY
The Legend of Lochnagar, (BBC1, 5pm)

Throwing punchlines in the class war

When the nobs and the slobs share the same roof, the result is the best television comedy drama for years



FACT: *The Riff-Raff Element* is the best thing that's been on television for at least five years.

"Well it's not exactly an original idea," Debbie Horsfield, the writer, explains. "You know, rich upper-class people being forced to mingle with the scruffy working classes, etc. I'd been kicking a rough idea around in my head for a fair old while; and the characters became more and more real, until I reached the point I had to write them a script and get them out of my head to stop them annoying me. You know, put them to rest."

Twelve years ago, when Ms Horsfield first moved from Newcastle upon Tyne to London, she was "a bit shocked" to see how strong the social caste system still was.

"It wasn't even as if it were a class thing," she explains. "It's more of a financial thing. It's not your background that counts these days, it's the circles you move in and the amount of cash you earn. You can be an honorary member of the upper classes if you earn enough money."

Ms Horsfield was busy working at the RSC at the time — "I was a PA. Well, the job description was 'PA' — I was a glorified secretary, really. Lots of tea-making and stuff. Just to illustrate that snobby class-system thing, I bought a cheap second-hand stereo, and my flatmate was absolutely scathing because it wasn't brand new. She couldn't see that it was a bargain."

NEVER mind, at least you got a lovely cheap stereo.

"It wasn't lovely though; it was completely useless," she laughs.

However, the likelihood of Ms Horsfield ever having to buy another tacky second-hand stereo is distinctly slim after the marvellous, lauded, bawdy *Making Out* crowned the BBC drama department for three seasons.

"*Making Out* was just wonderful to do. And the thing was, with each series, it became more enojyable. I don't think many people can say that about their job. I got increasingly involved in the actual production with the third series — the director had worked a lot in theatre and was keen to have me around. For one scene, where Margi Clarke was giving birth, the director kind of let me take over. He said, 'I'm middle-aged, and I've never given birth — you have a go'.


The writer and the written: Debbie Horsfield and (left) the working-class Belcher family

"Well, I didn't want to make it all Hollywood: actresses writhing around on silk sheets and screaming in agony. That's not what giving birth is like... well, the agony bit sometimes, I suppose. But we made it more realistic, emotionally realistic."

Ms Horsfield's new series, *The Riff Raff Element*, is now on its second episode. It is quality stuff from the writer who is the Marks & Spencer of English comedy/drama.

"I'm glad you like it. After writing three series of *Making Out*, to start writing episode one, series one with completely new characters, it feels a bit thin. There's no past history to rest on; you have to try doubly hard to make things, well, sumptuous."

She was even more involved with *Riff Raff* than *Making Out*. "I was around a lot during the shooting. It's fun for one thing. There is a small temptation to change the script while shooting, but you have to mentally slap yourself, let go."

Riff Raff is centred around two families: the shabbily elegant Tundishes, each of whom was born with an entire canteen of silver cutlery in their mouths, and the Belchers. Carmen and Declan Belcher are on the lam, their father is one sandwich short of a picnic, sister Pet is trying to make the best of a bad job, and the whole family scrounge around to survive.

OBTUSE people call Debbie Horsfield "the next Carla Lane", which is unfair to Ms Horsfield, since *Riff Raff* is funnier than *Bread* ever was.

"People feel a need to pigeon-hole and bracket. Classifying the world into sections and subsections makes them feel safe. It's like when I had my baby; I decided on a home birth, and I was shocked by the amount of opposition. This cry went up: 'You shouldn't, you mustn't'. Of course I didn't listen to them, as I'm pig-headed, and besides, I knew I was right. But being unorthodox is unsettling to many people. Society likes you to conform to a stereotype."

Are the characters in *Riff Raff* just slightly stereotypical? After all, you have a frustrated drunken housewife; a bohemian black sheep; a doolally grandmother.

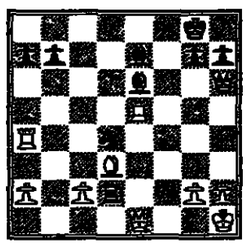
"No, I hope not. And if they seem to be stereotypes at the beginning of the series, then they'll have trampled all over their moulds by the end. The characters are set up as traps to snare the viewer. Then we snap the trap shut and surprise them by behaving out of character. As I said before, the whole concept of *Riff Raff* isn't the most original idea in the world. But it's all in the interpretation, isn't it?"

CAITLIN MORAN

● *The Riff Raff Element is on BBC1 on Fridays at 9.30pm.*

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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

PUTZ
a. A bacon sandwich
b. The penis
c. A cat

MILPA
a. A little tropical field
b. A stepfather
c. Ground maize flour

TAMASHEK
a. A Tatar chieftain
b. The Berber language
c. A snow bivouac

COONJINE
a. To deceive
b. A waddling shuffle
c. A marihuana cigar

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